Moscow may cut aid to Syria

MOSCOW (R) — The Soviet Union is considering cutting military aid to escus. The Kremin is Syria's main arms supplier. Moscow's assistor to Syria, Alexander Dzasokhov, told a news conference thy that the Soviet Union was reviewing Syria's requests for military rid for the next five years. "I can tell you that they are being scrutinised eritically and if there are any changes they will be in favour of reductions," he said. "All the more because the Syrian government's ability to pay is not unlimited," he added. Dzasokhov's noted there was concern in Syria over whether Moscow's preoccupation with domestic problems and conversion of part of its military production to peaceful use would affect Syria's "Of course these factors will influence bilateral relations but in no way will they be weakened," he said.

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Their Majesties Queen Noor and Queen Silvia of Sweden accept flowers from two children as Their Majesties King Husseln and King

couple who arrived Monday on a six-day state visit (Photo by Yousef

King Gustaf, Queen Silvia begin state visit

Al Hussein pays tribute to Swedish role in peace efforts

By a Jordan Times Staff Writer

AMMAN — His Majesty King
Hussein Monday paid tribute to Sweden's involvement in efforts to settle the Arab-Israeli conflict and voiced confidence that it tic efforts to advance in the Mid-

dle East peace process. The King, in an address at a banquet held in honour of Sweden's King Carl Gustaf and Oucen Silvia who began a six-day state visit to Jordan Monday, also expressed concern over the situation in Lebanon and said Jordan was anxious to see the war-torn country return to the state of things before the civil war broke

out in 1974. The King also expressed hope to see the ceasefire between Iran and Iraq after eight years of war would be turned into permanent peace and called on Iran to adopt a "humanitarian approach to thein Mis exchange of prisoners of war, far from political propaganda and

manoeuvres." In a brief reply speech, King Gustaf, the first Swedish monarch to visit Jordan, did not refer to specific political issues but said Sweden had a "particular interest in the respect for the principles of international law in the conduct of world affairs."

"Respect for these principles is a basic requirement for solutions to conflicts, both in the part of the world where I come from, in the Middle East and elsewhere,

Turning to Swedish-Jordanian relations and cooperation in various fields, King Gustaf pointed

BEIRUT (Agencies) — Leba-

non's army leader Monday de-

manded written Arab guarantees

that Syria would pull its troops

out of Lebanon and clarification

of an Arab League peace plan.

Sources close to General

Michel Aoun told Reuters he

asked for the guarantees and clar-

ifications when Arab League

assistant Secretary-General

Lakhdar Ibrahimi presented the

Aoun is waging what he terms

electricity and that cooperation was in the offing in the field of environment and forestry and health care as well as manage-

The Swedish monarch said Swedish-Jordanian relations took Sweden in 1984 by Their Majesties King Hussein and Queen Noor. "It was for us a personally rewarding visit," he said. "There were also important talks on international matters between Your Majesty and the late Prime Minister Olof Palme, Moreover, your visit served as a starting and projects.

child health and development in Amman (see pages 3 and 5).

fresh turn with the visit to

point for many bilateral contacts King Gustaf specifically refer-red to bilateral cooperation through Sweden's Radda Barnen institute which resulted in the establishment of an institute for

King Hussein and Queen Noor, accompanied by Their Royal Highnesses Prince Mohammad and Princess Taghreed, Their Royal Highnes-

Crown Prince returns

AMMAN (Petra) — Their Royal Highnesses Crown Prince Hassan

and Princess Sarvath returned to Amman Monday following a

working visit to the United States during which the Crown Prince had a meeting with President George Bush and other government

Prince Hassan, who was welcomed home by His Majesty King

Hussein upon returning to Amman, delivered lectures in American

cities reaffirming Jordan's firm stand with regard to the Middle

out that Jordan and Sweden were ses Crown Prince Hassan and cooperating in such areas as tech- Princess Sarvath, royal family nology, telecommunications and members, Prime Minister Sharif Zaid Ibn Shaker, Cabinet members and other top-level officials. were at the head of the Jordanian delegation welcoming the Swedish royal couple upon their arrival here earlier in the day.

Shortly after the welcome ceremony, the King and Queen accompanied the royal guests through the streets of Amman in a motorcade to the royal resi-

The banquet King Hussein and Oueen Noor hosted later Monday was attended by Prince Mohammad and Princess Taghreed, Crown Prince Hassan and Princess Sarvath, royal family members, Prime Minister Sharif Zaid Ibn Shaker and senior officials.

King Gustaf decorated King Hussein with the "Knight of the Most Noble Order of the Seraphim" and Queen Noor with "Member of the Most Noble Order of the Seraphim."

Following are major excerpts from King Hussein's speech at the banquet:

Sweden, for the special place that it holds among the nations of the world, commanding respect and admiration from all. The historic experience of the Swedish people has moulded your country into a model for the many to nationally; domestically, in view of institutions, and internationally, in view of the universality of your role in the service of mankind.

"As for the Palestinian problem, the oldest on the agenda of the United Nations, never has Israel's stand been more obvious as an obsta-cle to a just, peaceful settlement. More than 22 years after Israel occupied Arab territories in Palestine and the Syrian (Golan) Heights, it con-tinues to reject the basic principle at the heart of the peace settlement: Land for peace. It does so although the world has unanimously accepted this principle which was reflected in Security Council Resolution 242 of 1967. Israel also continues to reject the framework of negotiations through an international peace con-ference on the Middle East. Despite the brave and responsible position taken by the Palestine Liberation Organisation, the sole legitimate representative of the Palestinian people, in accepting the two-state solution on the land of mandated Palestine, and its readiness to negotiate with Israel on that basis, Israel rejects any dealings with the PLO. "The courageous Palestinian

national uprising, the intifada, which has been rich in sacrifices, is the natural expression of Palestinian re-jection of the status quo, which Israel seeks obstinately to perpetnate. As Israel persists in its intransigence, it heightens regional tension, makes a mockery of international law, under-mines the right to self-determination, and continues its repression of the Palestinian people.

Egyptian initiative a test of Israel's intentions — Qasem

By Suhair Obeidat Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN - The 10-point Egyptian initiative on Israel's proposal for Palestinian elections in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip is a test of the Zionist state's usness to settle the Palestinian problem, Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Marwan Al Qasem said Monday.

The proposal, put forward by Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak to Israeli leaders, "is not an end in itself, but a starting point" towards arriving at a just and comprehensive settlement to the Palestinian problem, Qasem told reporters at Marka airport after attending a welcome ceremony for King Gustaf and Queen Silvia of Sweden who arrived here on a six-day state visit Monday.

"All world countries support the Palestinian position," Qasem said. "What is needed now is movement in the Israeli position to respond to the elements of

Asked whether Jordan supported the Mubarak initiative, Qasem said: "What we are really hoping for is to get the response of others, particularly Israel before the (Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) since the PLO has not rejected the

concept of elections as long as they are free and part of the Palestinian right to self-determination and tied to a comprehensive solution to the conflict through an international peace

"An international peace conference is the only forum where a comprehensive solution could be countries involved (in the conflict) — Jordan, Syria and Lebanon," Qasem said. "We too have lands presently occupied by Israel. When we deal with the concept of elections it means one point of the many points that should be tackled before reaching a

The Egyptian proposal suggests modifications to the Israeli election plan, which was co-authored by Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Sha-mir and Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin. It includes several provisions rejected by Shamir's Likud bloc but accepted by Rabin's Labour Party.
Likud, the dominant partner in
Israel's "national unity" government,
has put off a final decision on the proposal until later this month.

Rabin held talks on the propose with Mubarak in Cairo Monda the two agreed on the need for direct dialogue between Israelis and Palestinians but disagreed on who will be the designated representatives. The PLO has not formally announced its posi-

Asked whether the current visit to

significance in peace efforts, Qasem said: "Tomorrow, we are meeting. We will have to see what the Swedish foreign minister has to say." In an interview with the Jordan Times in Stockholm last week, Andersson said Sweden expected "a new phase" in peace efforts before the end of the year. He did not give details.

Swedish role

In an arrival statement carried by the Jordan News Agency, Petra, Andersson said Monday that Jordan played a key role in efforts for peace and that his country was willing to te to such endeavours and supported the proposal for an inter-national peace conference with the participation of all parties involved in the conflict, including the PLO, which Sweden recognises the representative of the Palestinian people.

"Sweden rejects (Israel's) occupa-tion of other people's lands," he said. "We have repeatedly called on Israel to withdraw from the occupied terri-tories so that a comprehensive peace settlement in the region."

Optimism over Lebanon

Welcoming the revived mediation effort in Lebanon by a special Arab tripartite panel — made up of tripartite panel — made up of Algeria, Morocco and Saudi Arabia Oasem said Jordan remained comwith finding a solution to the Lebanese civil war. "The committee enjoys our full support and we hope that there will be full cooperation from all parties concerned in elimicommittee's) work."

"From the statement we beard yesterday (from Jeddah that the committee was reviving its efforts), we believe that there is a new stage and we hope it will be successful..." he

"we believe there can be no other alternative to an Arab solution in Lebanon, and, God forbid, if we reach a dead end we will risk a danger of divisions."
"We, the Arab World, cannot

afford to fail to find an Arab solution in Lebanon," he said.

In reply to a question whether Syria, which maintains about 35,000 troops in Lebanon, had undertaken a marantee to withdraw its forces from the country as demanded by its rival. Aoun, Qasem said: "When the committee resumed its work, there must have been assurances to help the committee in reaching what it aims at; saving Lebanon and bringing it back its normal situation, restoration of ty and territorial integrity. situation) and a (national) reconcilia-

Refugee lexodus continues

FRANKFURT (AP) - Nearly 750 East German refugees arrived in Bavaria during the night, officials said Monday, as reports of harassment by Czechoslovak and East German authorities continued.

East German refugees said Czechoslovak and East German authorities were seizing their passports and travel visas to stop them from reaching Hungary and immigrating to the West.

The reported crackdown has forced emigres into acts of desperation. An East German man taking part in the exodus to West Germany drowned while swimming across the Danube River from Czechoslovakia to Hungary, refugee workers said Monday.

The man was forced to swim because he had no travel documents, they said. A czechoslovak man Monday

managed to cross his homeland's border to West Germany on a homemade motorised hang glider, Bavarian border police said. The most direct route for

East Germans seeking to take advantage of Hungary's free age to Austria is through Czechoslovakia, located between East Germany and Hun-

In Poland, the number of East Germans taking refuge in the West German emb swelled over the weekend to 110, West German Foreign Ministry spokesman Juergen Chrobog told reporters in

The spokesman declined to specify if West Germany planned to close the embassy to the public, but he said Bonn was in contact with the Polish government over finding accor tions for the refug

Chrobog said the Polish government had set up a special team to deal with the problem. West Germany last month closed its missions in East Berlin and Budapest temporarily to the public after hundreds of East Germans sought refuge there to press demands to be

allowed to go to West Ger-

All 116 refugees left the East Berlin mission after receiving assurances that they would not be prosecuted by East German authorities and that they would get legal assistance in their quest to emigrate.

Between 200 and 250 East Germans who have been holed up in the West German embassy in Prague left the building last week, but between 170 and 190 remained.

Rabin accepts Egyptian proposal for dialogue CAIRO (Agencies) - Israel's pronged peace proposal.

defence minister said Monday that his government accepts an calls for a preliminary Israeli-Egyptian-sponsored peace dialogue with Palestinians but the discuss a Palestinian election plan Meanwhi logue with Palestinians but the composition of the delegation presents a problem.

Moreover, Yitzhak Rabin and President Hosni Mubarak disagreed publicly on the question after meeting for more than three hours. In separate news conference,

Rabin favoured including in the lineup only Palestinians from inside the occupied West Bank and Gaza, and Mubarak insisted on using Palestinians from outside as But both leaders voiced cau-

tious optimism about current Israeli-Egyptian exchanges on a possible scenario leading to an overall settlement of the Palestinian problem. They said their two countries will have further high-Rabin flew in for a seven-hour

stay Monday and was driven directly to Mubarak's office for their prolonged meeting. They were alone together for 2½ hours before calling in aides for the remaining 30 minutes.

Both said they expected Israel to present its final position next month on Mubarak's twoOne segment of the proposal among ourselves (in Israel) like

advanced by Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir. Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza would vote to choose delegates to negotiate with Israel on interim autonomy.

Muharak also has presented a 10-point memorandum seeking to dress up Shamir's election plan with guarantees and clarifications to make it acceptable to the Palestinians. The document would enshrine the principle of trading occupied land for peace

and would give the vote to Palestinians of Arab Jerusalem. Summing up his talks with Mubarak, Rabin said there was "a wide basis" of understanding in Israel on these points: "First: we more than appreci-

ate President Mubarak's ideas and readiness to assist to bring about a meeting between Israeli and Palestinian delegations. "Second: we agree that the

invitation to such a meeting will be made by Egypt. "Third: those who participate on the Palestinian side will be announced by Egypt."

But Rabin spoke of "certain

"I think it's still not clear if there will be a crisis, but it is already clear what the issue is if indeed there will be a crisis between Likud and Labour.'

Meanwhile Rabin's mission to

"There is a sense that Labour

Cairo widened a split in Israel's

has shifted and wants to deviate

from the government's guide-

lines, and there is a readiness to

talk to the PLO (Palestine Li-

beration Organisation)," Foreign Minister Moshe Arens, a member

of the Likud bloc, told Israel

'I hope this is not true," he

coalition government.

As Rabin flew to Cairo for talks with Mubarak, Israeli newspapers printed front page accounts of the division between Likud, led by Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir and Rabin's Labour Party.

"Rabin meets Mubarak today: Likud-Labour conflict sharpens, the mass-circulation Yedioth Ahronoth wrote. "Government sharply split on Mubarak's plan,'

said Waldheim pressed Foreign Minister Alois Mock not to re-

place Vienna's envoy in Tel Aiv.

would not sign credentials for a

new ambassador to Israel while

that country refused to send a

Austrian Chancellor Franz

Vranitzky opposed the move but

eventually gave in to Mock, a

leading supporter of Waldheim

be replaced as long as Waldheim

is in office. Israel is represented

in Vienna by Charge d'Affaires Gideon Yarden.

in 1992, has not ruled out a

second presidential candidacy.

But the conservative Austrian

People's Party which backed him

in 1986 has signalled it would not

Austrian government officials said they did not believe the

Waldheim, whose term expires

Arens has said Elizur will not

the sources said.

support him again.

The president indicated be

Hungary restores and Austria downgrades ties with Israel Austrian government sources

BUDAPEST (Agencies) — Hungary and Israel restored full diplomatic relations Monday after a 22-year break by Budapest, the official Hungarian MTI news agency said. It said the agreement was

signed in Budapest by Israeli Foreign Minister Moshe Arens, in the Hungarian capital on a previously unannounced visit. and Hungarian Foreign Minister Gyula Horn. 'Hungary thus became the first

to re-establish diplomatic ties with Israel of those socialist countries which cut relations after the Arab-Israeli war in 1967," it said. Hungary severed relations in common with all East bloc coun-

tries except East Germany, which never had full ties, and Romania, which never broke links. A Hungarian foreign ministry

official said diplomatic relations would be at full ambassadorial level. Relations had resumed with signature of the agreement, he said.

The two countries exchanged interest offices in September 1987 as a first step to full ties and Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir has since made two visits to Hungary.

His first, in September 1988, was the first by any Israeli prime minister to any East bloc country other than Romania. As the announcement was

made in Budapest, Austria said it was downgrading diplomatic relations with Israel because the Zionist state refuses to send an new envoy, diplomatic sources ambassador to Vienna while Kurt Waldheim is president. Austria's ambassador to Israel.

Otto Pleinert, has been reassigned to Stockholm, a ministry spokesman told Reuters. No new ambassador will be

named and Pleinert will be replaced in Tel Aviv by a charge

Israel's ambassador to Vienna, Michael Elizur, retired in 1986 after Waldheim was elected president amid allegations that he was involved in war crimes while serving in the German army during

World War II. Waldheim, a former secretarygeneral of the United Nations. denies any wrongdoing and feels personally rebuffed by Israel's

refusal to replace its ambassador to Austria. We have decided to cope with the principle of reciprocity," the

spokesman said.

move to downgrade ties with Israel would revive international controversy over Waldheim's

"It is no longer a topic for

discussion," one aide said.

plan to him. a "war of liberation" to expel

Syria's 33,000 troops from Lebanon. He has declined to announce whether he accepts or refuses the peace plan drawn up by an Arab League committee. The plan includes a ceasefire in the sixmonth-old battle between his troops and those of Syria and its

plies to each side. Ibrahimi met Aoun at the ruined presidential palace in east Beirut after gunners pounded the city overnight despite Saturday's ceasefire call.

allies, and an end to arms sup-

talks with Aoun on implementing the peace plan were "positive and useful." He said their talks would continue Tuesday...

East peace process.

Asked by a reporter if he had relayed any guarantees to Aoun from the committee, Ibrahimi declined to comment.

The peace plan, prepared by the foreign ministers of Saudi Arabia, Morocco and Algeria, was seen as a setback for Aoun as it made no mention of his demand for a Syrian withdrawal. But the independent Al Nahar

newspaper Monday published what it said was a draft national reconciliation charter which the league committee said parliament should discuss. It said the charter fixed a two-

year timetable for political and security reforms before agreement on the "redeployment" of Syrian troops to eastern Leba-non's Bekaa Valley.

"An accord would be signed

defining the size of Syrian forces and the time limit of their presence in these areas (of the Be-

Aoun seeks Arab guarantees Ibrahimi said his hour-long kaa)," the Beirut daily quoted the charter as saying.

Ibrahimi, who arrived Sunday

from Syria where the plan was welcomed, later met other Christian leaders including the cou-mander of the hardline Lebanese Forces militia, Samir Geagea.

The plan declared a ceasefire and appointed Ibrahimi to head a security committee to mouitor it and an embargo on arms shipments through Lebanese ports. Aoun receives his arms by sea.

It called for the lifting of blockades and invited Lebanon's parliament to meet on Sept. 30 to discuss reforms to the Christiandominated political system to give the Muslim majority more

Aoun, in a television interview recorded Saturday before the plan was announced, rejected reforms unless all foreign forces pulled out of Lebanon. He also rejected any security committee unless Syria took part.

Ibrahimi met late Sunday with Prime Minister Salim Al Hoss,

who heads a civilian government competing for power since last September with Aoun's administration.

At least five people including two children were killed when an apartment block collapsed after it was hit by a shell around midnight and set ablaze, witnesses

The bottom four floors of the block, in the Haret Hrayk area of west Beirut's southern suburbs, were flattened and the top three fell onto a building next door. Rescuers dug through the rub-ble in search of three people - a

unaccounted for. The mother was thought to be still alive. Four people were injured in the building in addition to 15 wounded elsewhere in the sixhour bombardment.

mother and two of her children -

The shelling, which began when guns in west Beirut opened no on ports porth of divided Beirut, was the worst violation of the ceasefire announced

MIDDLE EAST NEWS BRIEFS

ANKARA (R) — A retired politician with links to modern Turkey's founder Mustafa Kemal Ataturk has become the first candidate to declare himself for the post of president. "I feel the

country needs someone around whom it can unite," Kasim

Gulek, a former deputy prime minister who retired from active

politics 20 years ago, has told Reuters. Parliament will vote in late October or early November for a president for seven years to

replace Kenan Evren, who led a 1980 army coup which crushed extremist political violence. Conservative Prime Minister Turgut

Ozal is expected by many politicians to seek the presidency.

ABU DHABI, United Arab Emirates (AP) — Some 17 kilogrammes (about 40 pounds) of heroin with a street value of 4.5 million

dirhams (\$1.2 million) have been seized over the last two weeks,

police announced. The heroin was seized in three raids in the port city of Dubai, said Lt.-Col. Rashid Al Mazroui, director of the

Police seize 17 kgs of heroin in UAE

Retired Turkish politician eyes presidency

New Algerian premier pledges sweeping reforms

ALGIERS (R) — Algeria's new prime minister has pledged to pursue radical political and economic reforms to pull the country out of crisis and restore public trust in government.

Mouloud Hamrouche, who named a new cabinet Saturday. told a news conference he would seek a dialogue with the members of the public, budding opposition parties, and trade unions.

"(My) programme will be a turning point that will try to turn the entire society from one system toward another," he said, vowing to accelerate plans launched last year to turn a one-party socialist state into a multi-party democracy.

There is little time. We must move quickly with concrete ac-

Hamrouche proposed a new joint venture law aimed at attracting foreign investment, the transfer of some state enterprises to workers' collectives and political reforms to ensure maximum participation in public life by opposition parties.

President Chadli Benjedid sacked Hamrouche's predeces-sor, Kasdi Merbah, last week in what many observers saw as an expression of frustration at the slow pace of reform.

Strikes and demonstrations over shortages of housing and consumer goods have highlighted public impatience over the economy, hit by falling oil and gas revenue and inefficient state industries.

"We must convince the man on the street that the government is working with him, taking his problems into consideration, and people.
"Given the creation of chan-

letting him participate in solving these problems," Hamrouche

jections of gross domestic product growth of between three and five per cent in 1989 were too But he said his government had

He painted a grim picture of

the economy, saying earlier pro-

no immediate plans to seek a rescheduling of the country's 24 billion foreign debt, saying a reorganisation of the economy should come first.

He did not rule out rescheduling talks at a later stage. "We must first make healthy the economic situation. Once that is achieved we would not exclude discussing with international institutions, to inform them what we are doing... We may find formulas, not necessarily resche-

Hamrouche said planned political reforms now on the drawing board not go far enough and he would redraft them.

A proposed law on joint ventures that allowed foreign partners up to 89 per cent participation would be scrapped in favour of one with more attractive incen-

It was Hamrouche's second press conference in 24 hours in an apparent new policy of openess designed to win public confi-

Hamrouche said he doubted there would be a new outbreak of

Former Sudanese minister jailed

violence similar to that last October which killed at least 159

nels of dialogue and concertation there is no reason for parties, associations and unions to organise or call people to violence," he said.

Five political parties ranging from Communists to Islamic fundamentalists have won legal status since August under a new law that breaks a 27-year monopoly on power by the ruling National Liberation Front.

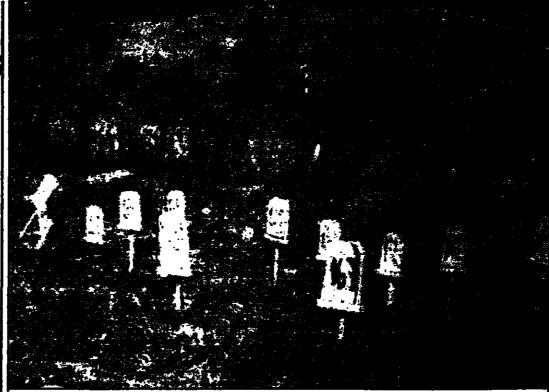
In a dramatic gesture Hamrouche dissolved the Information Ministry, declaring: "The chan-nels are now open and any person in society can speak his mind through peaceful means and in all democratic freedom."

He said an Information Ministry was no longer relevant under a constitution that guaranteed press freedom. An independent body would be set up to supervise the media under an information law to be adopted later, he said.

Hannouche has assembled a youthful team of reform-minded ministers and redefined many portfolios in response to pressing economic problems, analysts

His cabinet is dominated by men like himself, reformers in their 40s close to Benjedid. The source said it was designed to redraft and puruse the reforms with more vigour and efficiency than its predecessor.

Hamrouche sacked all but six members of the old cabinet and kept only three in their places. He abolished five ministries, created four new ones and changed the names of another five.



Israel replaces markers for dead commandos

TEL AVIV (R) — Israel is replacing all grave markers at a cemetery for Arab commandos after finding that signs naming failen Israeli soldiers marked some enemy graves. Army spokesman Col. Rasman Gissin told Reuters Sunday the army had already replaced two numbered grave markers in the special cemetery near Gadot collective farm in northern Israel. The graves of 224 Arabs buried in Gadot Cemetery are marked with

numbers but no names. The army has a record of those buried in the small, fenced plot for commandos killed by the army but unclaimed. Gissin said the army recently declared the cemetery, located next to a road and a popular hiking trail, a closed military area with signs prohibiting photography. The photograph shows a partial view of the numbered graves at the Gadot Cemetery.

Carter role in Ethiopia shows advantages of private mediators

ATLANTA, Georgia (R) - Formay be more effective than gov-

As each side argued its case in the past two weeks, Carter who as president in 1978 brought about the Camp David accord between Egypt and Israel — spent his time scribbling detailed

When there was a break be went to his word processor and typed out what he thought was an acceptable compromise. Then he went back and presented it to the parties and debate resumed.

a private American had undertaken to resolve a Third World conflict — led to his announcement Friday that the two sides had agreed to hold full peace straints. What a U.N. mediator frica aimed at en years of war.

TASS said a ballistic missile launched from Israel lauded in

the sea between Libya and

Greece, 1,300 kilometres away.

by censorship from quoting

anything except foreign sources

on their country's reported

unclear missile programme,

splashed the Soviet statement

The Kremlin had already

protested to Israel about the

reported development of a medium-range missile code-

named Jericho-2, capable of

hitting Soviet territory and all

Israel, as usual, refused to discuss its missile programme,

which according to foreign re-

ports includes the development

of nuclear and chemical war-

But it has expressed concern

Arab capitals.

across their front pages.

Israeli newspapers, barred

the best progress yet toward ending Africa's longest civil war. watched his union troops burn

Carter said the negotiators showed little sign of personal animosity. Two members of the opposing delegations had been classmates and enjoyed discussing the old days.

Experts say independent mediators such as Carter do not face the same constraints as government representatives.

"You're much more restrained in what you can suggest and what you cannot" when representing a

minutes to ask whether it's going to be all right with the Security

Council or someone else." The U.S. government would find it difficult to conduct formal talks involving a rebel movement such as the Eritrean guerrillas, while the U.N. charter bars the world body from intervening in what it considers to be a civil war.

Experts said Carter was effective where previous attempts to resolve the Ethiopian conflict in the last 11 years have failed because he is a natural mediator.

"He has a very patient way and a belief that there is good in people, that if only they can be brought to see where their interests coincide they will work out a reasonable solution," said Jim Reichley, a political analyst at the Brookings Institution, a Washington thin-tank.

Stuart Eizenstat, Carter's domestic policy chief when he was president, added:

"He has a cool personality. He does not get hysterical in the midst of difficult situations.

U.S. talks with king are stalling tactics — Najibullah

KABUL (AP) — Afghan President Najibullah said Sunday that Soviet border town of Torghundi the talks initiated by the United States with former Afghan King Zahir Shah were a stalling tactic.

Central Intelligence Department.

Najibullah, speaking to participants in an international media conference, said the United States was looking for ways to prolong arms shipments to the Afghan rebels.

He said the talks with Shah in ary policy of the U.S. govern-

The U.S. State Department announced two weeks ago that it had twice sent an envoy to the king to discuss possible ways to end the 10-year Afghan conflict. The president did not reject a

role for the 74-year-old Shah, who was deposed in 1973. . "We have proposed that all forces within and outside the country including Zahir Shah take part in national reconcilliation," the president said.

The president made a direct appeal to Pakistan, saying that Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto had been elected on a platform of ending the conflict.

He accused the military establishment of forcing her to contime the war in exchange for supporting her bid for office and appealed to the people of Pakistan to "exert pressure on the government of Pakistan to hounour its commitments under said.

Afghans themselves." He warned that the war could spill over the border into Pakistan if the current fighting continues.

decade. The accords called for negotia-

tions and an end to arms shipments, but secondary agreements allowed for both the Americans arming their clients.

He said that, in light of his having survived for seven months without the aid of Soviet troops, it was time for the United States, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia and other countries backing the Mujahe-deen to accept his offer for negotiations.

Najibullah has previously proposed both national talks involving all parties in the conflict as well as an international conference. The negotiations would be a prelude to a six month ceasefire and

national elections. The rebels, known as the Muabedeens, or Islamic holy warriors, have rejected negotiations pected Najibullah to survive long

with Najibullah. They have been fighting for a decade to overthrow Marxist governments in Afghanistan in February. Kabal.

mi rebel group, said the rebels overran to government posts deal seriously along the key 100-kilometre road lems," he said.

Sunday, and 400 government militia troops surrendered. Meanwhile, a spokesman for

the rebel-proclaimed govern-ment-in-exile based in Pakistan said Moscow has delivered two types of medium and long-range missiles to the Afghan government. The report could not be independently confirmed and the Rome were an attempt "to bring government spokesman did not fresh breath to the abortive milit- provide details about the provide details about the

The United States is competing with Kabul to win over Mujabedeen rebel commanders, making the rebel government in Pakistan irrelevant to the Afghan conflict, Najibullah said.

"Finally, the U.S. has come to the conclusion that the Mujahe-deen field commanders play a vital role in the solution aggravation of the conflict," Najibullah told reporters.

"That's what they are now making contacts with the local

commanders," he said.
Officials in Washington have confirmed the United States has begun to directly supply weapons to field commanders instead of funnelling aid through the guerrilla government in Pakistan.

"The question arises what will be the future of the Afghan interim government in Pakistan if assistance goes to commanders and not to Peshawar," Najibullah

the Geneva accords to stop inter- . "Since they were artificially creferring in the affairs of the ated they are a stillborn entity because they have no links to developments inside Afghanistan," he said.

Kabul was making headway The accords signed in April with its own contacts with com-1988 paved the way for a com- manders who control much of the o countryside, he ary. Soviet troops had been aid- said, adding: "With the passing of ing the Afghan government for a each day, the dialogue with local commanders is expanding. New bridges are being created."

Najibullah is offering rebel commanders autonomy over the and the Soviets to continue areas they control, as well as food and money, in exchange for ceasefire agreements.

However, none of the major Mujahedeen guerrillas has made such an agreement with Najibullah, diplomats said.

Government officials earlier said Kabul had begun talks with junior commanders" under Ahmad Shah Masood, one of the strongest and best known Mujahedeen field commanders. Masood last week began a new offensive against the Kabul government from his stronghold in the Panjshir Valley north of the

Western diplomats had not exafter the Soviet Union pulled out the last of its 110,000 troops from

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member of the ousted 5-man State Council which acted collec-

ary tribunal has sentenced a former justice minister and attorney general to five years in jail and fined him five million Sudanese pounds after finding him guilty of squandering government prop-

KHARTOUM (AP) — A milit-

Osman Omar Al Sherif, who was justice minister and attorney general when Prime Minister Sadek Al Mahdi's government was ousted in a military coup on June 30, just smiled when the military judge said he would serve another five years if he failed to pay the fine, about

He was convicted and sentenced Saturday.

corruption by military tribunals set up by the new military govern- sentence was read out.

By Jack Redden

AN ISRAELI MILITARY

BASE, Occupied Golan

Heights - The calm that has

prevailed on Israel's battle-

scarred frontier with Syria for

the past 15 years obscures the

relentless preparations for another Middle East war likely

to be fought with even deadlier

In quick succession last

Golan Heights described the region's slide toward chemical

warfare, the Soviet Union said

Israel had tested a ballistic mis-

sile and Israeli newspapers re-ported concern about a Syrian

Israel does not allow publica-

tion of information on its re-

ported nuclear or chemical

warfare programmes but it

Israeli officers on the

tively as Sudan's president. He was sentenced to 40 years in jail after being found guilty of abusing power and financial mismanagement. But he will serve only 20 years because that is the maximum prison term that can be served under the law.

Sherif, who previously served as housing minister, was found guilty by the judge, Col. Moham-mad Beshir Suleiman, of illegally distributing residential plots in

The heavily secured courtroom senior official to be tried for and friends who shouted antigovernment slogans after the

readily points to activities of its potential adversaries.

A senior Israeli officer,

identified, said Syria had con-

ducted chemical weapons exer-

cises at several bases, practic-ing tactics for both defence and

"We have to assume they

will use chemical weapons in a

war, we know they have che-

mical weapons," the officer

told a small group of reporters

touring Israel's military in-

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Fears of chemical attack, ex-

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Sherif has one week to appeal the sentence to a military court of

Meanwhile, the trial of another former official, Pacifico Ladu Loleik, was postponed Saturday for the second time, the Sudan News Agency (SUNA) reported.

SUNA quoted the military tri-bunal's judge, Col. Abdul Wahab Ahmad Osman, as saying that the attorney general had requested the postponement to allow him more time to appoint a prosecu-

The trial was supposed to have started Thursday, but was postponed after authorities failed to bring the accused to court. Loleik was also a member of

of illegally possessing commercial quantities of medicines and con-

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Chemical strikes at airfields

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lisation that Israel needs to

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Another officer said Arab

nations realised after five wars

against the Jewish state that

they needed non-conventional

weapons, such as poison gas, to

Arab countries might argue that they need relatively cheap

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from Israel — a fear that would

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Thursday's report from

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mer U.S. President Jimmy Carter's role in talks between The talks were held at the Carter Presidential Centre, a \$25-Ethiopia's government and Eritmillion building atop a hill from which General William Sherman rean rebels has provided new evidence that a private mediator

ernments or the U.N. Atlanta during the American Civil War.

notes on yellow legal pads, put-ting arrows and blips where he thought there were areas of com-

Carter's efforts — the first time

government, said Sol Linowitz. who helped Carter negotiate the Camp David accord and later was U.S. ambassador to the Organisation of American States. Linowitz said United Nations

mediators face similar conthe reins are on him - what he bouncing off the wall, he's able to No date or place was set but can do, how much he can say maintain an external calm and to the agreement appeared to mark without calling home every 20 keep people calm as a result."

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Chinese missiles with a range of

The concerns of the Jewish

state centre on what those rock-

ets might carry. In 1981 its jets

destroyed an Iraqi nuclear

reactor under construction

near Baghdad, fearing it would

be used to create nuclear

Israeli newspapers reported Friday that Rafael, the govern-

ment arms development au-

thority, said Syria was planning to build its first reactor with Belgian and Swiss help.

They said Damascus would

invest \$3.5 billion to build at

least six unclear power generators

and was looking for a site for a nuclear research facility to be

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Deadlier weapons prepared for another Mideast war Despite these concerns. Israeli officers reported little tension along the heavily fortified frontier established after

Israel occupied the Golan Heights from Syria in 1967. A senior officer said an early war was unlikely because Syria has not narrowed the military gap since they were thrashed by Israeli forces early in the 1982

Febanon war. But mine fields and prearranged defensive positions for tank reinforcements rushed from outside the border zone testify to the possibility of a new round of fighting. "Historically every decade

there has been a war," said another senior officer on the Golan. "We all hope there won't be another, but from a historical point of view we have to be prepared."

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National News Jordan, China call for international Mideas international Mideast peace conference

AMMAN (J.T.) — Jordan and cooperation, world affairs and regional issues. strong belief that the Middle East issue can only be solved through political means which would ensure a just and durable peace and through the projected international Middle East peace conference to be convened under the United Nations auspices, with the participation of all concerned parties, including the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) the sole and legitimate representative of the Palestinian

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The views of the two sides were expressed in a press statement at the end of Chinese Foreign Minister Qian Chi Chen's visit to Jordan during which he held talks with government officials and delivered a message to His Majesty King Hussein from the Chinese leadership.

The two sides commended the PLO's positive stand and condemned Israel's intransigent position and its repressive and brutal treatment of the Palestinian people who are involved in an upris-

ing to regain their freedom. On Lebanon, the two sides expressed their support for the country's independence and territorial integrity and called for all efforts to be made to restore peace and security, the withdrawal of all Israeli forces from Lebanon and an end to foreign interference in Lebanon's affairs.

They expressed support for the Arab League tripartite committees' mission to bring about peace in Lebanon and hoped that all concerned parties will cooperate with the committee to achieve

The two sides also referred to the situation in the Gulf and called for the full implementation of U.N. Security Council Resolution 598 to achieve total peace through negotiations.

They also called for the complete withdrawal of all foreign forces from Kampuchea to pave the way for an overall settlement. On his last day here, Qian met with Prime Minister Sharif Zaid

Ibn Shaker to review bilateral

Sharif Zaid and Qian both reaffirmed the need for resolving the Gulf. Middle East and other regional issues within the United Nations framework and Security Council resolutions.

They reasserted the need for a just and durable Middle East settlement that can guarantee the legitimate rights of the Palestinian people in their homeland.

Sharif Zaid and Qian also reviewed means of bolstering cooperation in different areas.

Earlier Monday Qian met with Minister of Planning Ziyad Fariz to discuss economic developments in the Middle East region and their effect on the national economy. Fariz briefed the visitor on Jordan's economic reform programme and opportunities for investment in the Kingdom.

Upon his departure from Amman for Cairo, the Chinese minister said he was briefed by His Majesty King Hussein on Jordan's endeavours to attain permanent peace in the region.

His talks in Jordan, he said, covered bilateral cooperation in industrial, commercial, economic and technical fields.

Oian said he hoped to open the door for Jordanian contractors to work in China and noted that the joint Jordanian-Chinese Committee which is due to convene in the coming year was expected to de-fine priorities for bilateral coop-

Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Marwan Al Qasem, who saw off his Chinese counterpart, said in a statement at the airport that Jordan and China shared identical views on the Palestinian problem, the Lebanese crisis and the Iran-Iraq conflict.

He expressed hope that the the prevailing detente in the international scene would be conducive to helping to promote peace in the Middle East and settle the region's conflicts.

Later Monday Qian arrived in Egypt on the second leg of his Middle East tour.

LAWZI RECEIVES BELGIAN ENVOY: Upper House of Parliament Speaker Ahmad Lawzi Monday received Belgian Ambassador Guido Vasina at the conclusion of his tour of duty in Jordan. The discussions dealt with friendship and bilateral relations between the two countries: Lawzi, on his part, expressed appreciation for the efforts the ambassador exerted to consolidate ties between the two



The following listings are compiled from monthly bulletins and the daily Arabic press. Readers are advised to verify the listed time and place with the concerned institutions.

EXHIBITIONS

- ★ The Indian Trade Fair at the International Fair Centre, Marj Al Hamam. Open 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. for business visitors and 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. for general public.
- * An art exhibition by Jordanian artist Omar Bsoul at Irbid's Young Women's Centre.
- * A photo exhibition, with video shows and booklets, on the story of the Monarchy in Sweden at the Royal Cultural
- A photo exhibition by Freach artist Jean-Noel de Soye displaying photos projecting fashion accessories such as jewellery, caps, scarfs and belts, at the French Cultural Centre (the exhibition also displays slides on the history of fashion) - 8:00

FOLKLORE

* An evening of Caucasian folk dancing by the Wainbakh Folklore Group at the Palace of Culture, Al Hussein Youth City



Prime Minister Sharif Zaid Ibn Shaker Monday receives the visiting Chinese foreign minister at the prime ministry. Also present is Deputy Prime (Petra photo)

Minister and Foreign Minister Marwan Al Oasem

5 senior officers retire

since 1985.

AMMAN (Petra, J.T.) — Five senior officers from the Public Security Department have been retired as of Sept. 19, 1989 in accordance with a decision by the

An official statement said that the retired officers, all of whom have the rank of major general are: Nasouh Muhieddin Marzonga, Ghazi Jarrar, Yousef Gharaibeh Mahmoud Abdul Rahman Al Khashman and Abdul Wahhab Salim Al

The decision comes five days after the appointment by a Royal

of Lt.-Gen. Abdul Hadi Al Majali who had served as PSD chief

The official announcement gave no reason for the decision. Majali, who officially leaves office on Sept. 21, has just con-cluded a meeting in Cairo by Arab police chiefs on cooperation among Arab countries in combating crime and dealing with terrorist activity and drug trafficking.

The two-day meeting reviewed Jordan's experiment in operating prisons and reformatory centres, and recommended further coop-Decree of Major General Fadel eration among police services in is to be held in Sanaa, N Ali Faheed as PSD director the Arab World, according to a Yemen in September 1990.

statement issued at the end of the meeting.

The participants called for detailed studies to help eliminate the drug problem in the Arab World and recommended more cooperation with international organisations handling drug issues and combating narcotics.

The police chiefs called on the Arab governments to review an agenda for the coming Interpol meeting scheduled for Nov. 27 and take a unified stand with regard to the subjects to be dis-

The next police chiefs meeting is to be held in Sanaa, North

Ministry contemplates setting up sports complex in Madaba

MADABA (Petra) — The Minis- that the ministry seeks to set up as a nucleus for a major sports city in the region, minister of education Adnan Badran said in a statement here Monday.

Addressing a meeting with educational department directors and educationists, the minister said the cost of the projected plan

try of Education is contemplating school buildings at various rethe idea of setting up a sports gions, depending on the density complex for Madaba's govern- of population and in conformity ment schools which will also serve with the 1987 national educational conference resolutions.

The school buildings, Badran said, will be surrounded with fields to be grown with trees in a bid to green the Madaba district, a project will be carried out in cooperation with the local coun-

Badran started his tour of the is JD 150,000. district by opening a number of school annexes which together educational installations, said cost JD 113,000.

Later, he inaugurated Al Ma'mounieh Preparatory School which cost JD 175,000 and a secondary school for boys that cost JD 256,000.

The minister also laid the foundation stones for two other schools which will have an overall cost of JD 945,000. Badran announced Sunday that

the current two shift schools will disappear by 1988, the deadline for the implementation of the 1987 conference resolutions which called for the provision of appropriate school buildings in all

Special laboratory for pre-natal health care to open Wednesday be born with. This laboratory was Upsala. We hope that Jordan will

of the solution will lie in the

entitled "pre-natal brain damage,

By a Jordan Times Staff Writer

AMMAN - A week of Jordanian-Swedish cooperation in health are in the offing to coincide with the six-day state visit of King Carl Gustaf and Queen Silvia to Jordan.

The first of two events, organised by the Institute of Child Health and Development (ICHD), was the announcement of the opening Wednesday of a genetics laboratory at the University of Jordan. The laboratory, financed by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and set up with Swedish help, will be formally opened by King Gustaf.

A delegation of Swedish paediatritions, child health experts and gynaecologists explained the envisaged functions and duties of the facility. The laboratory is the result of efforts exerted by the institute's chairman, Chief Chamberlain Prince Ra'd Ibn Zaid, and Jordan's medical community in coordination with the Jordanian-Swedish Medical Association.

The Institute of Child Health and Development, which serves the residents of eastern Sweleh, was established in November 1986. It was initially funded by Sweden through the Swedish organisation Save the Children. The Noor Hussein Foundation has now successively taken over the administrative and economic

responsibilities of the institute. Hind Dawani, the institute's director, said Queen Silvia was scheduled to pay a visit to the facility during her stay in Jordan.

The genetic laboratory will serve as an information centre to the Jordanian public, furnishing instrumental information about pre-natal health care. It will test pregnant woman and determine whether the fetus is likely to be effected by a genetic disorder or malfunction within the first six to 12 weeks of conception, according to Dr. Mohammad Khatib, who is closely involved with the

Prince Ra'd stressed that "our role is to provide the services to make people aware of the kind of illnesses that their children could | Petra.

born out of a real need. We benefit from know how that received many petitions of help Sweden has developed.' While all agreed that Jordan from Jordanian fathers and would do well to benefit from the mothers to who had 10 or 12 children, half of whom were menadvancements in Swedish medical knowhow, it was agreed that tally or physicialy impaired. This priority must now be given to laboratory is part of our response to that need. Now the other half address the primary causes of

hands of the parents. We want people to be fortified with all the necessary information, so if they do have a handicapped child they cannot say it is fate." The Jordanian-Swedish Medical Association will hold a seminar at the Faculty of Medicine at the University of Jordan Wednesday,

causes, management and prevention." Some 400 physicians, health administrators and other health officials are expected to attend the event, which will be opened by King Gustaf. It will be followed by a medical exhibition. The infant mortality rate in Jordan, which reached 40 per 1.000 a few years ago, is on a steady decline, according to Dr.

> al child health expert, who will be presenting a lecture at the university seminar Wednesday. He added that "certain risks could be forseen. Simple screen-

would require more funding for equipment and trained staff, including doctors, technicians and Dr. G. Lindmark, a Swedish gynaecologist and a member of

mental and physical handicaps

among children in the Kingdom.

tory would by no means be able

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stage but that the services it would provide were a good begin-

ning. He noted that more services

Khatib said the genetic labora-

the medical delegation that will be involved in the seminar, said: "Health is a condition aquired over generation, not in one or two years. A child's health begins when its mother is an infant, not Bengt Lagerkvist, an internation- when she is a full-fledged

The subject of improved health care will be the highlight of the third day of the Swedish royalvisit. The members of the medical ing techniques allow for early association said they felt that the detection of malfunctions in the visit was a good opportunity to baby. We are establishing medic-highlight Jordanian-Swedish al links with Jordan on an increas- cooperation, in which Jordan will ing level through the medical likely be the benefactor of Swedassociation and the university of ish medical knowhow.

Work on Zarqa wastewater treatment plant, network

AMMAN (J.T.) — Work on a The Zarqa sewerage project pleted in the coming year at the network of 280 kilometres. overall cost of JD 15.1 million, At present Jordan has 1 ter and Irrigation.

another wastewater treatment of water annually. plant will be completed in Irbid in 17.6 million, the ministry's Opto the Jordan News Agency, ter from Amman, Zarqa, and

sewerage network and a wastewa- entails laying a 238-kilometre ter treatment plant in the Zarqa pipeline network while the Irbid region is expected to be com- project entails laying a pipeline

At present Jordan has 12 wasaccording to the Ministry of Wa- tewater treatment plants in different regions, receiving and hand-Also a sewerage network and ling some 40 million cubic metres

According to Salem the major the coming year at the cost of JD wastewater treatment plant in Jordan is situated at Khirbet Al erations Department Director Samra near Zarga, and is re-Saqr Al Salem said in a statement sponsible for handling wastewa-

RSS attends seminar on linking research networks AMMAN (J.T.) — The Royal Scientific Society (RSS) has par-ticipated in a seminar on "scien-

tific and technological information and computer networks in the Arab states: Status and the role of cooperation," which was recently held in Bloudan, Syria.

The seminar discussed recommendations adopted during previous seminars and proposals dealing with the establishment of a scientific and technological information network linking scientific and educational research establishments in the Arab World, the Director of RSS Information and Computer Soft-ware Centre, Dr. Yousef Nusseir,

paper on the information networks in the Arab countries and

The paper proposed the establishment of a scientific and technological information network covering the countries of the Arab Cooperation Council, Gulf Cooperation Council, and the Arab Maghreb Union, he noted.

The seminar adopted a number of recommendations among which is the formation of a provisional committee to follow up matters related to the said net-

The RSS was chosen to be a member of the committee. The seminar was attended by representatives of Arab countries as well as ten regional organisa-

aid. It was organised by the Arab He added that he presented a School of Science and Technology which is attached to the Syrian Scientific Studies and Research Centre.



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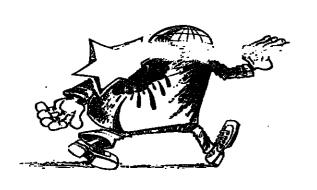
THE : 'ATE visit of Their Majesties King Carl Gustaf and Queen Silvia to Jordan has many meanings: It not only reflects the very friendly relations that bind the two kingdoms or many fronts as well as the warmest of personal relations between the Swedish royal couple and Their Majesties King Hussein and Queen Noor, but also highlights Sweden's valuable mediatory role in the Middle East conflict, especially its Palestinian dimension.

To be sure, the contemporary history of the Middle East abounds with remarkable Swedish involvement in the quest for permanent and just peace in the Middle East. In this vein, the martyrdom of Count Bernadotte in 1948 at the hands of a Jewish terrorist group headed then by no other than the incumbent Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir is but one fine example of Sweden's relentless efforts to help the principal actors on the Middle East scene help themselves to put an end to their endemic conflicts.

No wonder then that Swedish Foreign Minister Sten Andersson has exerted and is still exerting splendid reconciliation efforts to bridge the ever-growing gap between the Arab and Israeli sides.

Mr. Andersson's deep participation in the process that brought about new perspectives and initiatives from the Palestinian side is still accredited as the singular most important Swedish involvement in energising the peace process in the Middle East.

With all this in mind and heart of every Jordanian, the state visit of King Gustaf and Queen Silvia to the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan is viewed as a good omen that will bring good tidings to the Middle East and a feeling of optimism in the region. We therefore take pride in saluting the Swedish King and Queen and express the deep sentiment that their personal visits with King Hussein and Queen Noor will cement even further the cherished es between the two royal families and bring the two countries closer than ever on matters that affect their two peoples as well as their two respective regions of the world. Above all, Their Majesties' visit to Jordan has brought much joy and happiness to the hearts of all Jordanians.



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JORDAN PRESS EDITORIALS

Al Dustour daily commented on the poisonous gaz lenkage in Zarqa and paid tribute to His Majesty King Hussein for mobilising the efforts of the various concerned service to provide urgent assistance to the victin: e paper said that ructions on safety precautions are not entired and the management and workers ought to be able to acry them at any time to safeguard the lives of innocent people. The Civil Defence, the ministries of health ar I indus y and trade and perhaps other departments should be involved in the application of safety measures and to see to it that precautionary rrangements are being taken at all times, the paper noted. The coper said it was sheer luck that this accident, the ... si of its kind to happen in Jordan, resulted in no deaths, but the alarm has now been sounded opening the eyes of all those responsible to take extra measure to guard against simil: dents in he future.

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Punishing the Palestinian press

By Michael Adams

IN THE Universal Declaration of Human Rights adopted by the United Nations in 1948, Article 19 states that:

Everyone has the right to freedom of opinion and expression: this right includes freedom to hold opinions without interference and to seek, receive and impart information and ideas through any media and regardless of frontiers.

Herein lies the basis and motivation of the organisation established in London in 1986 with the title of Article 19 to examine instances of censorship throughout the world.

In the preparation and publication of this report* on Israel's regulation of the Palestinian press. under occupation. Article 19 cooperated with the Committee for the Protection of Journalists, a similar organisation established five years earlier in New York,

which brought together a number of leading American journalists among them Walter Cronkite. Anthony Lewis, Dan Rather and Harrison Salisbury — and whose central objective is the identical one of protecting the freedom of

the press worldwide.

Journalism under Occupation is based on investigations carried out in 1986 and 1987 by members of the staff of the CPJ and it makes use of earlier studies, including the work of both Israeli and Palestinian observers. It therefore concerns itself, not with the situation of the past year, which has been dominated by the Palestinian intifada in the occupied territories (although the report does make reference to the intifada and its consequences for freedom of expression), but with the uprising. Its authors make the important point that Israel's close and systematic control of the Palestinian press is not a result of the intifada, but should rather be

seen as one of its causes, and that "restriction of the right to free expression is one factor among many that have aggravated the resentment that has been building among Palestinians for years."

In his foreword to the report, the director of Article 19, Kevin Boyle, observes that the concerns expressed in Journalism under Occupation have in fact been dramatically highlighted by the events of the initiada and that, as a result, they call more urgently than ever for the world's atten-

The report quotes the justifications advanced by the Israeli government for the severe restrictions imposed on the Palestinian press through a complex of farreaching emergency laws and military ordinances: restrictions which go well beyond mere censorship to include such sanctions as the suppression of publications, the prosecution of their editors and proprietors, the de-

tention without trial of a large number of journalists and even on occasion their summary deportation, again without any legal

Israel, the report states in its concluding chapter, claims that these measures are necessary to curb attempts by the press to incite Palestinians to resist the authorities and to carry out acts of violence. But the fact that the intifada erupted after more than twenty years of such restrictions and is now sustained with virtual unanimity by all sections of the population of the occupied territories demonstrates, the authors add, that whether they are justified or not, the measures have proved to be markedly unsuc-

The further Israeli argument that an occupying power has the right to censor the press in the territory it occupies, because the situation is one of wartime emergency, is examined in a legal

Columbia University School of Law Lisa Fleischman. She presents the counter-argument that an occupation which is maintained for twenty years "has assumed a condition of permanance" and so cannot expect to benefit from the emergency character of a normal occupation. Because Israel's occupation of the West Bank and Gaza has been so prolonged, and because it has been accompanied by "actions which do not accord with the idea of a temporary occupation" (such as the establishment of Israeli settlements, the annexation of Arab Jerusalem and the evident intention to annex some

appendix by a graduate of the

chision that: Continuing to maintain a regime of heavy and systematic censorship in response to the formalistic legal status of occupation...

or all of the occupied territories),

Ms. Fleischman reaches the con-

tional human rights standards. After a detailed examination of the restrictions imposed by the Israeli government on the press in the occupied territories (including East Jerusalem), the authors of Journalism under Occupation reach the conclusion that. whether these restrictions are effective or not:

Israel's regulation of the Palestinian press is an operous system that has curtailed the rights of Palestinians to free expression and to due process (of law), during periods of both un-rest and relative calm. On these grounds, CPJ and Article 19 believe that a reevaluation by Israel of its policies is long overdue -Middle East International.

*Journalism under Occupation published jointly by the Committee to Protect Journalists in New York and Article 19, London

Hungary's reforms open cracks in Warsaw Pact

By George Jahn The Associated Press

BUDAPEST, Hungary — Cracks are opening in the Warsaw Pact as Hungary's Communist leadership abandons agreements with its military allies in the East in pursuit of new friends and business ties in the West.

East Germany is the latest to join the chorus of hard-line East European critics of the reformist Hungarians, its ire provoked by Budapest's decision to open a westward gate for thousands of politically and economically frustrated East German refugees.

State-controlled East German media have charged that Hungary was paid by West Germany, and the East Berlin foreign ministry filed a formal protest last week

By Peter Gregson

Reuter

LONDON — It's a job that will

never be advertised in a "situa-

applicants must have friends in

secretary-general of the Com-monwealth, the 48-nation group

aded on Britain's former

empire, is a straight contest be-

They are: Nigerian Chief Eme-

ka Anyaoku, a former diplomat

and present deputy secretary-

general, and former Australian

Prime Minister MalColm Fraser,

a millionaire farmer with a long record as a tough and wily politi-

There is no open vote, there

are no campaign speeches. Just a subtle and secretive search for

agreement through corridor di-

In a body proud of its long

tradition of consensus, the quiet,

unassuming Nigerian has emerged as favourite to be de-

clared the winner at next month's

Commonwealth summit in

Starting date, July 1, 1990,

In fact, the race to be the next

tions vacant" column.

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tween two men.

plomacy.

saying Hungary had broken its sentiment in Hungary has swung word by opening the frontier. sertiment in Hungary has swung to scrapping all state interference

Hungary, along with Poland, is in the front rank of reform in the Eastern bloc, far eclipsing Soviet President Mikhail S. Gorbachev's more modest campaigns.

NEWS ANALYSIS

Where the Soviets have adjusted their Communist-dominated system to introduce a measure of democracy and personal freedom, Hungary's Communist leadership has pledged to allow free elections by next June that could end the party's 43-year hold

on power. While the Soviets favour reducing central control of industries,

It is the first time in the Com-

monwealth's history that there

has been a battle for the post,

held for the past 14 years by

Ramphal will be leaving the

job when his third five-year term

expires in the middle of next

than 18 months ago that he

year-old Anyaoku for the post in

April, lobbied hard for his can-

didacy at this month's Non-

Aligned Movement summit in

Belgrade, which was attended by

most members of the Common-

Commonwealth diplomats in

London said the Belgrade lob-

bying appeared to have paid off, adding that unofficial soundings put support for Anyaoku at 35 countries, including all of Africa's

Fraser's support comes from

Present Australian Prime

the Pacific region and some of the

Caribbean and Asian nations.

Minister Bob Hawke is leading

Commonwealth members.

wanted to succeed him.

wealth.

Fraser, 59, made clear more

Nigeria, which proposed 56-

Nigerian candidate tipped as

favourite for Commonwealth job

Guyana's former Foreign and last week that he was ahead in the Justice Minister, Sir Shridath race. "On a very hard-nosed

in the economy in favour of market forces.

Gorbachev has repeatedly said the Soviet Union should learn from Hungary's entrepreneurial successes in agriculture and manufacturing as well as innovative practices by other Moscow

On Tuesday, the Soviet foreign ministry spokesman, Gennady Gerasimov, indicated Kremlin reservations about Budapest's role in the refugee exodus when he described the action as "unusual." But Moscow has shown no inclination to get directly involved in the dispute.

Hungarian officials have been candid about the risks of the

the lobbying for the man he beat

for the premiership six years ago

and has so far refused to concede

last week that he was ahead in the

port in all regions and that sup-

port will put me ahead," he said.

Malaysia, as host of the bien-

nial summit from October 18 to

24, has observed strict neutrality. We hope this will be resolved

before, or by, the time the lead-

ers arrive in Kuala Lumpur," said

Dato Ahmad Kamil Jaafar,

secretary-general in Malaysia's

If not, he said. Prime Minister

Mahathir Mohammad would

speak directly with his fellow leaders and make an independent

assessment during the traditional

two-day private retreat taken by

the heads of government midway

through the week-long summit.

and I'm sure that in the end

Fraser will be able to read the

situation and will withdraw," Jide

Osuntokun, special adviser to

Nigerian External Affairs Minis-

ter Ike Nwachukwu, said in

"We are canvassing actively

foreign ministry.

Fraser said in Kuala Lumpur

that Fraser's cause is lost.

"There is a danger of Hungary becoming isolated in Eastern Europe as some of the things Hungary is doing irritate our neighbours and allies," Foreign Minister Gyula Horn told Hungarian radio on Aug. 29. "Altering our

curtailing our freedom of action." Aspirations An unprecedented plan announced Sept. 8 to cooperate

with neutral Austria and nonaligned Yugoslavia in setting up demilitarised zones along common borders is perhaps the clearest sign of Hungary's cautious move away from the War-

Hungary's aspirations extend even farther westward, with lead-

Lagos.
"It is very, very important for the Commonwealth to have an

African leader at this time of key

developments in southern Afri-

ca," added a senior official close

to Nigerian President Ibrahim

Officials at the Commonwealth

beadquarters in London speak

highly of Anyaoku's administra-

tive skill and diplomacy. But cri-

tics charge that he lacks the

dynamism and charisma to pro-

ject the Commonwealth to the

British Prime Minister Mar-

garet Thatcher has not made her

influential views known. Howev-

er, she has clashed sharply with both Ramphal and Fraser over

their outspoken calls for sanc-

Daily Mail newspaper here on

Wednesday urged her to back

either of the candidates," it said,

but added: "On balance she

might be wise to support the

Nigerian who is the favourite and

has the merit of being by far the

less opinionated of the two."

"She cannot be over-excited by

In an editorial, the right-wing

tions against South Africa.

rest of the world.

Anyaoku.

approach, however, would mean

ers knocking on the doors of the 12-nation European Economic Community. Hungary already has privileges

with the lucrative common market unique within the Eastern bloc, and Hungarian leaders used the East German refugee standoff to press their case with West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl for a political voice in the com-

West Germany did not go public with a promise to support those Hungarian wishes. But Kohl subsequently said his country will give full backing to Hungary's economic reforms, and expectations are that West German gratitude over the East German exodus will translate into generous financial aid.

U.S. President George Bush's praise for reforms during a July visit also has been well received here, as well congressional extention to Hungary of most favoured nation trading status for three years, instead of the customary one year.

Hungary's leaders say they have Soviet blessings for the increasing independence that is moving them closer to the West, but the reforms are breaking Budapest away from some other traditional allies.

Relations are worst with Bucharest because of disputes over the fate of 1.7 million ethnic Hungarians in Romania. Hungary says they are being systematically persecuted, an accusation Romania denies.

Tensions exploded after Hungary broke an agreement two years ago committing it to return all those fleeing Romania. Since then, more than 20,000 Romanians — mostly ethnic Hunga-rians — have found sanctuary in Hungary. Relations hit bottom in July,

after Horn expressed anxiety that the war of words could escalate to

He told reporters without being more specific that Roma-nia's state media had carried "certain kinds of military threats" against his country.

Horn, referring to Romania's boast in April that it could build nuclear missiles, expressd fears that Hungary could be a target of such weapons one day.

The Hungarian defence minis-

try gave up all pretense of "fraternal" ties with the Romanian military Sept. 7, announcing that Romania's deputy defence minister would not visit as

planned. Tensions of a different kind have been building on Hungary's northern border with Czechoslovakia.

Because of budgetary and environmental pressures, Hungary abruptly stopped work in May on a joint Danube River dam project agreed to in 1977, enraging Czechoslovak partners.

A high-level meeting Sept. 9 ended without agreement on what to do. While the Czechoslovaks accused Hungary of breaking their word, the Hungarians said the Czechoslovaks were planning to "violate international law" by unilaterally diverting a river that forms part of the two

countries' common boundary. Growing bitterness over the Gabcikovo-Nagymaros dam proiect has been exacerbated by political differences.

The Hungarian Communist leadership also used the Aug. 21 anniversary of the 1968 Warsaw Pact invasion of Czechoslovakia to denounce the action that crushed the reform movement.

LETTERS

Not true

REFERRING to your article 'Raw fat smuggled in sewage trucks — is it fit for consumption?" (Jordan Times, Sept. 18), you have attributed to me a statement that fat samples were being tested at the police department laboratories and that the investigation had not yet given clues as to whether the fat could have

adverse effects on health. I must clarify that I did not give such a statement and the laboratories of the police department are not authorised to test whether foodstuff is suitable for human consumption or not. The Ministry of Health and its laboratories are the only authorised bodies to do

> Dr. Sulaiman Qubain Head of the Primary Health Care Department Ministry of Health

Al Ra'i Arabic daily on Monday launched a strong attack on Israel for rejecting the Egyptian 10-point plan designed to reach a just settlement for the Arab Israeli problem. The paper said that the initial response by the Israeli government reflects the Jewish state's total refusal and its stubborness and most importantly its determination to thwart any serious moves to achieve a lasting peace. The paper noted that Israel is not ready to respect the will of the international community and therefore is not ready to accept any peace plans whether from Egypt or any other source. Such stubborness and disregard to the will of the international community, added the paper, rendered Israel an isolated entity in the Middle East and this has enabled the Palestinian people and the Arabs to gain further support from the world. What is needed now, said the paper, is further mobilisation of efforts to bring about pressure on the Jewish state, especially by influential powers which can help bring about a real and lasting settlement.

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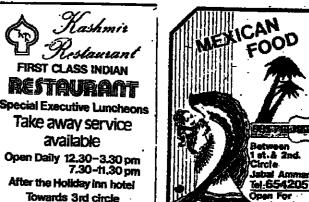
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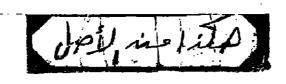
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Institute strives to improve preventive health care programmes for children

AMMAN (J.T.) — Jordan's continuous emphasis on public health took on a new dimension with the establishment of the Institute of-Child Health and Development (ICHD) in 1986. Primarily concerned with preventive health care, ICHD provides professional services to pregnant mothers and preschool children. In so doing, children's handicaps are di-agnosed and assessed at an early stage and corrective measures are promptly taken. That way, treatment becomes more effective.

The Institute's role does not stop here. Follow up on the child's health and development of the mother's health awareness are equally important. And being the first of its kind to handle minor handicaps, the ICHD also provides training of nurses for other health centres in the

During a state visit of Their Majesties King Hussein and Queen Noor to Sweden in September 1984, Queen Noor signed a letter of Intent of cooperation between Jordan and Sweden concerning child health and welfare. As a result, the Swedish Save the Ghildren "Radda Barnen" established and financed the Institute of Child Health and Development in Jor- static. It constantly monitors the without dealing with the prenatal dan in cooperation with the Noor

Al Hussein Foundation (NHF) The Centre started rendering its services in November 1986 using rented premises at Swelleh, north of Amman.

Its aim was to improve preventive health care programmes for children as well as increase people's awareness and understanding of basic health preventive methods and techniques. "Tve been here for more than two years. The increasing number of patients received at the Centre indicates the seriousness and cagemess of the people to learn this type of health care," said Dr. Janson, a Swedish pediatrician and previous ICHD director. He will be making periodic visits to Jordan as an expect for follow up.

Janson stressed that the awareness and goodwill of the society in preventing diseases would greatly help avoid the occurrence of certain deviations that unchecked would have resulted in catastrophic cases.
The Institute has now con-

chided its own building adjacent-to the old one in Sweileh. This was inaugurated by Her Majesty Queen Noor in late January 1989. The Institute's function is not that the project would be a failure

progress of the patients by collecting data on health requirements, development and deviations. Based on the data, programmes are designed to respond to the needs of children's health in Jordan, in general. "Jordan, unlike other developing countries of the same socio-economic status, is considered to be fairly

needs to improve and develop these methods," Dr. Janson said. He explained that usually preventive programmes are a burden on the country's economy especially when the country is still in a transitional period.

good in implementing preventive

methods. However, the country

Asked about the reason for choosing Swelleh for the institute's site, Janson said the site should be reachable by the largest number of people. More so, the people living in the area are of various social statuses. He stressed that preventive health programmes should reach all individuals whether healthy or sick, rich or poor, educated or

Before touring the premises, Janson gave a brief resume of the effective and rewarding.

There are three main opercentre's activities. He pointed out ational units at the Institute: MCH, Child Development Clinic

and Epidemiology Research. MCH aims at introducing and developing new methods and techniques in preventing health care for pregnant mothers and preschool children. The unit comprises an integral team consisting of a local pediatrician, a midwife, staff nurses and a laboratory tech-

Dr. Hind Dawani, present director of the institute said that services given at the unit are mostly of preventive nature but treatment is sometimes given for special cases.

Dawani, who is also a pediatrician, emphasised the necessity to bring children to the institute when they are in good health. ning children on regular basis "allow us" to detect any deficiency in the development of the child. "The earlier this deficiency is known, the easier it is to treat. The unit also advises parents on vacination and nutri-

-The Child Development Clinic has a team consisting of a social worker, social counselor, child psychiatrist and special preschool teacher. The team works closely with both parents and child to handle the problems on hand. The clinic employs the Lekotek



technique — a Swedish term now used internationally — which literally means playing and exercising the disability.

Mrs. Lena Nordenmark, section leader and the clinical child osychologist, explained that the Lekotek method is not physiotherapy but "it is a sort of practice for the various disabili-

ties attained through playing." The preschool, supervised by a specialised teacher has special olaying and learning toys "chosen adequately to serve the purpose,

Mrs. Nordenmark said. Social worker, Mrs. Hiam Inshewat stressed the importance of the awareness and understanding of the parents towards their chil-

dren handicaps. "We should meet with both, the father and the mother, to thoroughly discuss their child disability and its implication on their day-to-day life." She said that through discussion and consultation "we would give the appropriate advice, enabling them to handle the situation."

One of the child development unit's main responsibilities is to brief the parents on the institute work in general and the unit's in specific "so as to give them the choice in deciding whether they would be able to cope with us or

not," Mrs. Inshewat said.
"Most of the visiting parents," she added, "would appreciate our work and would follow up the whole programme from the very

The epidemiology unit is a re-search centre which studies the incidence, distribution and control of diseases in the population. The unit is responsible to collect data of preschool children and pregnant mothers received at the institute for future and further

A mobile team of instructors is another unit at the institute. This team is responsible for the preventive health training programmes given for the various staff of child health and development.

Kenya rediscovers traditional food plants

KENYANS are eating themselves to death. Not from too much food but from too little of the right kind of nutrition brought on by an addiction to so-called "modern" foods which, increasingly, the average Kenyan can barely

Kenya has a high population growth rate and low nutritional levels, so that increasing food production has to be a national priority. But the food problem is being compounded by new eating habits over the last decade.

"Modern" in the urban Ke. nyan kitchen - and increasingly in rural areas — means cooking with a few popular non-indigenous plants, maize included, resulting in monotonous diets and exorbitant prices for the commodities.

The craze to plant and use non-indigenous crops was originally prompted by the appearance of high-yielding varieties. The fact that they needed expensive fertilisers and pesticides made them all the more fashionable because they were seen to be

But over the years oil prices have pushed up the cost of agri-cultural chemicals to unaffordable levels. Tired and overworked soils, the unstable oil industry, high population densities and continuing widespread poverty have dulled the gloss on the Green Revolution in Africa.

Prompted by the crisis in food quality and quantity, a new coalition has pooled the talents and functions of its three member organisations to research the potential of the country's indigenous food plants and to promote

The Kenya Freedom from Hunger Council (KFHC), the National Museums of Kenya (NMK) and Worldview Interna-

tional Foundation (WIF) have ramme will propagate and preraised funds from international donors to set up a project to further this goal.

The Indigenous Food Plants Programme (IFPP) began work at the beginning of the year. According to ethnobiologist Patrick Maundu, more than 70 indigenous fruits and vegetables which are no longer used but have high nutritional value, have already been identified and

IFPP held a seminar in July for a cross-section of non-governmental agencies.

Apart from improving the country's food security and people's nutritionl levels, explained seminar chairman Moses Mbugua of KFHC, the programme will help conserve Africa's genetic di-versity, heritage and environ-

To forestall the loss of Africa's stock of plant genes, the progserve threatened indigenous species. Conservation gardens will be established at the country's museum and the NMK will collaborate with the gene bank in

care. "If we were only working

with children and not with pre-

gnant mothers, then the project

would not have fulfilled its pur-

pose. The two must go together,

he explained. To date, the num-

ber of patients that have bene-

fited from the Institute's services

is 400 pregnant mothers and some 1,600 children. "We cannot take

care of all handicaps, but we practically asses each handicap

coming to us and refer it to spe-

cialised centres depending on the

nataure and severity of the prob-

standing," he added, "is that we

are specialised in treating chil-

dren with minor and moderate

handicaps. There are no other

centres to deal with such cases in

The institute also serves as a

training centre for Mother and Child Health Care (MCH) staff from all over the Kingdom and

for nursing students from the University of Jordan. This is an

indispensable service if the pre-

ventive programmes are to be

"What makes our institute out-

lem," he said.

The programme is already being implemented in six districts of Kenya, half in the drylands, the other half in more humid

The research to identify indigenous plants now or formerly used for food will also analyse their nutritional properties. The reason why these became unfashionable with consumers will be investigated and solutions sought. A promotional campaign will then follow.

This is where the expertise of WIF, a communications promotion agency, enters the picture. Through its Nairobi Media Centre, specialists in development communication will undertake an information programme with women's groups in planting, cooking and marketing these

"You cannot talk about food at the family level and not talk to women. They are the best change agents for a programme like this," said Professor Wangari Maathai, of the successful Kenyan tree-planting movement, Green Belt, who attended the

Research will not be centred on plant species alone. It will also investigate people's attitudes, traditions and taboos to help in the creation of the right media

Once IFPP is securely estabhished, at the end of the initial three-year programme period, co-operating agencies, agricultural organisations and women's groups are to take over manage ment of the projects under IFPP staff guidance — PANOS.

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Doomsday clock — a new focus

By Sherei T. Prasso The Associated Press

CHICAGO - The bulletin of atomic scientists, whose clock has ticked a few minutes before nuclear midnight for 42 years, says it will begin taking environmental threats into account in moving

the hands. During the cold war and detente, the clock represented the world's proximity to nuclear annihilation. With the easing of U.S.-Soviet tensions, the clock also will reflect other dangers to survival, said editor Len Ackland.

"It's a recognition that international security has to be thought about in more than simple milit-ary terms," Ackland said. "It doesn't mean in any way that military security is less impor-

The "clock" isn't a real timepiece; it is a logo of a clock face printed in the bulletin. Beginning this week with the October issue, the "Doomsday clock" logo will soon consist of the clock face superimposed on a globe.

The clock, which first appeared in 1947, has represented an esti-mate by the editors and an international board of scientists of the world's proximity to the nuclear destruction. The hands have been teset 12 times.

The closest it ever got to mid-night, 11:57, was in 1951, after the Soviets exploded an atom bomb, and again in 1983, when U.S.-Soviet arms talks were sus-

The clock has remained at 11:54 since January 1988, when the United States and Soviet Union signed a treaty to eliminate intermediate-range nuclear

weapons.
"In the past year and a half, we have certainly seen progress in improving the U.S. Soviet Union" arms control negotiations," Ackland said in a telephone interview from Oak Park, Illinois, home. Once tensions dropped down, it enabled us to take a look around and recognise there are many other dangers that threaten our survival, and environmental concerns are probably the most con-

Chernobyi John Peoples, director of the

Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory near Chicago, said the change in focus is necessary and important, if not tardy. He said one has to pay attention to

the environment, including the Chernobyl and Bhopal accidents. In 1986, the Chernobyl nuclear power plant in the Soviet Union exploded, spewing radiation that killed at least 32 people and eventually swirled around the globe. A gas leak from a Union Carbide pesticide plant killed more than 3,400 people in Bhop-al, India, in 1984.

The journal began as a newslet-ter among scientists of the Man-hattan project — the top-secret U.S. effort during World War II to develop the atomic bomb be-

fore the axis powers.

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Pornography sweeps Yugoslavia

By Andrej Gustincic

BELGRADE — Beleaguered by inflation, unemployment and debt, beset by political and ethnic rivalries, Yugoslavia is also in the grip of a pomography boom that stonishes many visitors. Scores of erotic magazines dis-

playing explicit acts are on sale at street kiosks alongside official periodicals and comic books produced by the same publishing houses which print Yugoslavia's main newspapers.
"At least in the west there are

specialised stores and cinemas for poinography," said feminist anthor Slavenka Drakulic "here, I'm greeted by unpleasant sights whenever I go to my local news

She said problems such as Yugoslavia's 800 per cent infla-tion and nationalist clashes between serbs and ethnic Albanians which killed 25 people this year. had turned pornography and the exploitation of women into marginal issues that few took

But Drakulic is a lone voice in a country where there are no age restrictions in Belgrade cinemas, very few letters of protest to the press and no equivalent of the anti-pornography groups that exist m the west.

State television screens sex shows and films late at night, and

ordinary commercials feature varying degrees of midity. Seven of the 18 films playing in Bel-grade cinemas in August were sex

It is quite different from the United States, Sweden, the Netherlands, Britain and other Western countries where authorities face strong public pressure to curb pornography. And it is astounding in a coun-

try under communism, a system that usually imposes strict press controls including curbs on "decadent" Western-style por-

nography.
We have received exactly one protest letter," Mica Jovanovic, head of Belgrade's third televi-sion channel, said. "We are responding to the wishes of our viewers, most of whom criticise us for not being hard-core

The third channel runs a phone-in talk show Friday nights which incorporates clips from erotic films followed by a movie. The Yugoslav erotic press is

the freest in the world, both in content and, even more, in its promotion and distribution." media critic Bogdan Timanic said in a recent article.

"All you have to do is stroll to the nearest Kiosk, which will openly offer you... domestic pornogranic (magazines), which multiply every day like unishrooms



The Society for Care of Neurological Patients in co-operation with The Swedish Embassy

is proud to present

The Swedish Baritone Olie Persson, accompanied by Pianist Mats Jansson in a Romance Recital comprising works by Schubert, Ravel, Stenhammar, Sibelius and others, at the Royal Cultural Centre in Amman Wednesday, Sept. 20, 1989 at 8 p.m. to benefit patients in Jordan suffering from neurological ailments

Tickets available at The Royal Cuitural Centre (JD 4) Tel. 669026

An exhibition on the History of the Monarchy in Sweden with video shows and booklets is on display in the Exhibition Hall of the Royal Cultural Centre until Sunday, Sept. 24. Welcome!

Brady plan reversing funding drain

Economist points to structural disequilibrium in Arab states

growth," it warned.

Making matters worse has been

the growing drain of money from

needy countries as the volume of

new loans fails to keep pace with

The bank estimated that in

calendar year 1988 total disburse-

ments to the Third World

amounted to \$92 billion, while

debt repayments and interest

some \$50.1 billion, compared

Until 1983 developing countries were net recipients of loans

Bank officials blamed the tur-

naround on the reluctance of

commercial banks to keep lend-

ing after the debt crisis erupted in

1982, but they hope Brady's debt

reduction plan will reverse the

plaguing the developing countries

for some time now, and we're

hopeful that with the movement

"It's an issue that has been

The result was an outflow of

rising debt-service costs.

costs were \$142 billion.

and investment.

with \$38.3 billion in 1987.

creasingly difficult domestic poli- towards debt service reduction

an official said.

discount in the market.

the bank itself is contributing to

the flow of funds out of the

developing world. In fiscal 1989 the bank took in

\$1.93 billion more from the 17

largest indebted countries than it

lent out, compared with a nega-tive net transfer of \$1.27 billion in

But officials denied that the

figures show the bank has be-

come part of the problem rather

creased operations to the middle-

income debtors but that a pause

in lending to Brazil and Argenti-

na, delayed because of economic and political problems, had dis-

Although the debt crisis has

taken up a lot of the bank's

time, it has not removed it from

its central goal of reducing pover-

They said the bank had in-

than part of the solution.

torted the figures.

BAHRAIN (R) — Arab debtor nations must introduce wide-ranging structural reforms to stem capital outflow, according to a senior Gulf economist.

Arab external debt surged to \$140 billion in 1988 from \$68 billion in 1982 while accumulated capital flight from Arab debtor nations was \$40 billion during 1987-1988 alone, Gulf International Bank (GIB) economist Henry Azzam said.

"What several Arab countries need is to address the structural disequilibrium facing their econo- Meanwhile, the World Bank mies and not only borrow addisaid Sunday that as the debt tional funds to help them manage their current debt situation, Azzam said in a monthly report published Sanday.

Excessive consumption and rising budget and current account deficits coupled with an increasing burden of debt repayment and massive outflow of private capital were the main causes of the Arab debt problem, Azzam

His report named the group of indebted Arab nations as Algeria, Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Libya, Morocco, North Yemen, Oman, South Yemen, Sudan, Syria and

The average ratio of total external debt to gross domestic product (GDP) for the group rose to 65.8 per cent in 1987 from 52.5 in 1982 - well into the range of the highest 17 indebted countries in the world, the report said.

"Sound debt management policies are needed to gain a breathing space that would allow the indebted Arab countries ample time to implement structural

changes," Azzam said.
"During the rescheduling period, broad based structural reforms should be implemented, aiming at ... restoring the confidence of ... citizens in their economic investment," he added.

Azzam said economic restructuring should include reducing budget deficits as a percentage of GDP, liberalising interest rates and flexible exchange rate poli-

Privatisation of state enterprises, gradual elimination of price controls and reforms of legal and accounting systems particularly regarding disclosure of information and bankruptcy—

were also needed. Azzam said that since most external Arab debt was contained

U.S. dollar Pound Sterling

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One U.S. dollar

one at 2,673.

tical situations that have inhibited and actual reductions in the stock their ability to adjust as quickly as desired," the report said. Many countries have started to implement serious economic rewithin the region, a jont effort forms, but they "must recognise that this is only the first step in a

funds and international Arab banks could also be considered. Arab aid agencies granted \$18.8 billion in concessional credits and loans between 1973-1987 but this formed only a small part of their total lending capacity, he

between Arab development

reduction plan authored by U.S. Treasury Secretary Nicholas Brady begins to kick in, the debt repayment drain that is helping undermine Third World economies shuld be reversed.

The bank, unveiling its annual report, also said it was recommitting itself to alleviating poverty in the Third World, which now affects 950 million people.

The lending agency, which makes loans to the developing world, said poor countries have been overwhelmed by the cost of repaying their debts at the same time that commercial banks have virtually closed their doors to new

The bank said it increased its new lending to the developing world by more than 10 per cent in the fiscal year ended June 30, to \$21.4 billion and expected to lend \$20 billion to \$25 billion in the

current year.

A bank official said lending this year will be "on the high end or even perhaps exceed the \$25 bil-

Of this, it is estimated that the bank itself will lend \$15 billion to \$19 billion, while the International Development Association, which makes essentially interestfree loans to the poorest countries, would provide \$5.7 billion.

Commitments to the 17 highly indebted, middle-income countries accounted for 49 per cent of total bank lending in the year just ended compared with 43 per cent the year before.

The report said 1988 was a dismal year for the Third World, with economic growth failing to keep pace with population growth not only in sub-Saharan Africa but also in highly indebted countries such as Mexico and Brazil.

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U.S. dollars

Norwegian crowns

Italian lire

Swiss francs

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products in Amman AMMAN (J.T.) - On the occa- Jordan. The following Swedish

Swedish firms display

sion of the visit to Jordan by King Gustaf of Sweden and Queen Silvia, a severdal day exhibition of Swedish products was opened. in Amman Monday by Swedish Ambassador Lars Lonnback. On display is a variety of Swed-

of debt under the framework of ish industrial goods, cars, furnithe Brady plan these negative net ture, medical appliances, phartransfers will be reversed in the maceuticals and foodstuffs. future, or at least ameliorated," The ambassador made a state-

ment on the occasion, commendthat this is only the first step in a long and difficult process of a help countries reduce their stock return to sustainable, steady of debt, in part, by providing ing the existing friendly ties between Sweden and Jordan and expressing satisfaction with the level of bilateral cooperation in money that can be used to buy it a different areas. The annual report shows that

Lonnback also referred to a number of development projects being carried out in the country with Swedish assistance and said

companies are represented at the exhibition: Volvo, SAS, Saab, Swedtel ABB, the Swedish Trading Council, Electrolux and Atlas Copco.

In an answer to a Jordan Times' question, Swedtel representative said the exhibition is a good kickoff for the transfer of technology to help Jordanians build an infrastructure in technic-

Jordan has many potentials and should try a new approach since its manpower is highly skilled, he said. The Swedtel representative noted that together with knowhow must come management and stress on high quality pro-ducts. He noted that having mas-tered these two elements, Jordan that a Swedish company will contribute to the establishment of an electric power project in southern fields.

U.S. firms widen operations

NEW YORK (AP) - U.S. manufacturing companies increased their investments overseas in the first half of 1989, the Conference Board said. U.S. companies announced 99 new manufacturing projects in the first six months of the year, up from 90 in the first half of last year, the business-supported research group has said. Of the total, 53 were acquisitions of foreign-owned companies, 33 were joined ventures, eight involved building new plants abroad and five represented major expansions of overseas locations, the Conference Board said. Western Europe was the leading region, accounting for 57 of the 99 new projects, following by 20 in the Pacific region, 14 in Canada and five in Latin America: Britain was the leading nation with 18. "The age of retrenchment in American manufacturing appears to be over," James Green, an international investment specialist for the Conference Board, said in a statement. Dollar figures were reported for only 23 of the 99 new investments. Those totalled \$6.1 billion.

Kuwaiti minister expects \$18 a barrel oil price for 3 years

NICOSIA (Agencies) — Kuwait's oil minister has said petroleum prices are likely to remain stable at around \$18 a barrel for three years, the Middle East Economic Survey (MEES) reported Monday. Sheikh Ali Khalifa Al Sabah

made the remark Sept. 15 during a meeting of the Oxford energy seminar in England, the respected weekly newsletter re-

> He cited three factors holding prices steady: A lower than expected increase in demand for oil produced by the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC), a possible increase in uction capacity after two or three years, and continuing competition for markets between members of the group.

Firstly, Sheikh Ali said although demand for OPEC oil could rise by one million or 1.25 million barrels a day (b/d) next year, this would be partially offset by an increase in non-OPEC supply such as the North Sea or Alaska.

"So the overall increase in de-

mand call on OPEC oil next year is not likely to be more than one

million barrels a day, rather their OPEC quotas at times this perhaps a little less," he was

quoted as saying.
Secondly, Sheikh Ali said a
number of OPEC nations in recent years have been delaying maintenance on their oil-exploitation equipment, or failing to invest in new exploration.

This, he said, made an increase in OPEC's overall production capacity to beyond 25 million b/d within the next two or three years

unlikely, adding however:
"But if a sufficient number of OPEC countries plan realistically to raise their output capacity today, it is likely to be achieved perhaps not to the extent of the exaggerated claims that have been made or are likely to be made by some OPEC ministers, but an increase in capacity will probably be forthcoming over the next two to three years."

Thirdly, regarding the market, Sheikh Ali said "I do not see much of an improvement in bringing about a reduction of competition" for market share between the members of the world oil group.

Kuwait and the United Arab Emirates are among countries that have been producing above

year, compalining that the most recent quotas set by the group were inadequate.

Sheikh Ali said in Oxford that "if OPEC wants to solve its problems in a realistic way, it must look at the positions of problem countries — countries which have long felt they have been cheated or not given their due share with regard for quotas."

"Putting these three factors together, I would come to the conclusion that the likely outcome over the next three years will be holding the prices in nominal terms at around the current levels," he was quoted as saying. His expectation for prices a couple of dollars.

The energy seminar brought together oil experts, economists and officials from producing countries to discuss developments in the market as well as other energy-related issues.

MEES also quoted Iraq's oil minister said his nation will stick to its OPEC oil output quota despite a recent increase in Baghdad's export capacity.

The minister, Issam Al Chalabi, was speaking after the opening of a second phase of a twin pipeline across Saudi Arabia that adds 1.15 million barrels to Iraq's daily export capacity.

Iraq's output quota decided by OPEC is 2.78 million b/d. "We will continue to hold to the quota and we will press the others to hold to their quotas also," Al Chalabi told the weekly newsletter, referring to the other members of OPEC.

pletion of the second phase of the pipeline, known as Ipsa-2, would raise the line's capacity to 1.65 million b/d by late November.

In addition to the pipeline, the opening of a second berth and the deepening of the channel at the port of Mina Al Bakr in the Gulf also will contribute to increasing Iraq's export capacity, MEES re-

In all, it estimated that the country's overall export capacity would rise as high as 4.1 million b/d by the end of the year, from a current level of about 2.65 mil-The newsletter reiterated pre-

vious reports that the first shipment through the Ipsa-2 pipeline would be loaded Sept. 19 at the Saudi port of Yanbu on the Red Iraq has been hoping to in-

crease its oil revenues to pay for reconstruction of its economy, shattered by the eight-year Gulf

During the war, Iraqi oil exports fell to as little as one million b/d at times because of the closure of Gulf outlets and the halting of oil flow through a trans-Syrian pipeline. Syria supported Iraq's enemy Iran during the war.

An Iranian newspaper close to the government said Monday an increase in oil prices will only be achieved if Gulf Arab countries improve their relations with Iran.

The security and stability of the region requires a collective effort on the part of all countries in the Gulf," the English-lan-guage Tehran Times commented in an editorial.

ECONOMIC NEWS BRIEFS

Arabs criticise EC credit restrictions

TUNIS (R) - The governors of Arab central banks criticised Monday credit restrictions which the European community (EC) plans to impose on loans to Third World countries. A statement issued after a meeting of the governors in Tunis said the restrictions, which will require high capital adequacy ratios for such loans, would have negative effects on the activities of Arab banks based in Europe. "It means that all countries other than those in the EC, Saudi Arabia and Turkey are declared high risk and the banks will have to cover credits to them fully or increase their own reserves," a Tunisian financier said. The measures are part of the Basic accord of 1988. The statement said the central bank governors would raise the issue of the restrictions at international meetings. The Arab Monetary Fund and the Federation of Arab Banks would look at ways of alleviating the effects of the Arab banks. About 60 Arab banks operate in EC

Oman to tax locally owned companies

DUBAI (R) - Oman has decided to impose corporate tax on wholly Omani-owned companies starting from this year, business sources in Muscat said. Companies owned partially by foreigners are already paying corporate tax of up to 50 per cent, depending on the amount of revenues and rate of foreign ownership. "The legislation for Omani-owned companies to pay corporate tax was in effect, but every year the sultan was extending the tax holiday for them," one businessman contacted by telephone in Muscat said. He said a decree issued Sept. 16 clamped down corporate taxes on Omani-owned companies. The sources said Omaniowned companies will be exempted from tax for up to 30,000 Omani riyals (\$82,500) of their revenues. For revenues between 30,000 and 170,000 Omani riyals (\$82,500 to \$465,000) the corporate tax rate is five per cent and for revenues over 170,000 riyals the rate will be 7.5 per cent. There is no personal income tax

Turkish steel workers end strike

ANKARA (R) — An agreement to end a 137-day strike by Turkish iron and steel workers was signed Sunday but may lead to a dispute within the union, the semi-official Anatolian News Agency said. Government negotiator Cemil Cicek, a senior cabinet minister, told the agency that 24,000 workers on strike since May 4 were scheduled to report for work Monday at Turkey's two largest state-run iron and steel plants. The strikers sought wage rises up to 550 per cent, which would have brought their average monthly pay to the equivalent of \$61. A protocol gave workers a 120 per cent wage rise for one year. Fringe benefits and bonus payments agreed to by the government would push up the rate of the overall increase further. The number of Turkish work days lost through strikes reached two million in the first seven months of 1988 more than in the whole of last year.

Tunisia, Morocco harmonise trade

TUNIS (R) — Tunisia and Morocco have signed an agreement allowing businessmen to denominate trade between the two countries in local currencies, a Tunisian central bank official said Monday. The central banks will settle the balance in convertible currencies monthly, he added. Tunisia has similar arrangements with Libya and Algeria and expects to sign one soon with Mauritania, the fifth members of the Arab Maghreb Union set up last February. Tunisian businessmen prefer, however, to receive payments in convertible currencies because the central bank allows them to retain a portion to cover travel and other

Iran, France review financial row

NICOSIA (AP) - Iran and France agreed to speed up settlement of a financial dispute during talks with a French envoy in Tehran Monday, the Islamic Republic News Agency (IRNA) reported. The agency said Francois Scheer, director-general of the French foreign ministry, agreed with Iranian officials on a timetable for monthly negotiations to be held alternately in Paris and Tehran. he report gave no further details of the meetings beyond saying that Scheer conferred with Mahmoud Vaezi, a foreign ministry official concerned with Europe and America. The Iranian media has been reporting that the purpose of Scheer's trip is to discuss repayment of a \$1 billion loan made to France by Iran in 1974. The loan was made to the French Eurodif consortium for a nuclear reprocessing scheme during the reign of the late Mohammad Reza Pahlavi.

Mitsubishi Bank gets NYSE listing

TOKYO (AP) — Mitsubishi Bank Ltd. this week will become the Japan's first bank to be listed on the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE), news reports have said. Mitsubishi Bank's listing on the NYSE will be made Sept. 19, the Nihon Keizai Shimbun, a major economic newspaper, has reported. Mitsubishi, Japan's fourthlargest commercial bank, announced the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission had agreed to list its shares on the NYSE. Mitsubishi will be the first Japanese bank to be listed on a U.S. stock exchange, and will be the ninth Japanese company to be listed on the NYSE, it said. Mitsubishi, set up in 1919, had 49.61 trillion yen (\$15 billion) in net income for its latest fiscal year, which ended March 31, 1089, according to a company report. The Tokyo-based bank has 245 domestic offices and 37 overseas affiliates in 24 countries.

THE BETTER HALF, By Harris HARRIS

Now I can't find Stanley!"

"This ultrasonic unit is guaranteed to eliminate all household vermin.

WORLD STOCK MARKETS

AMMAN EXCHANGE RATES

Monday, September 18, 1989

Central Bank official rates

LONDON EXCHANGE RATES

LONDON (R) — Following are the buying and selling rates for

leading world currencies and gold against the dollar at midday on

the London foreign exchange and bullion markets Monday.

1.5550/60 1.1850/60

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7.6600/50

One ounce of gold 360.30/360.60

41.25/28 6.6530/80

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SYDNEY — Australia's share market closed marginally firmer after wandering listlessly for most of the day. The All Ordinaries index

TOKYO — High bond yields and a roller coaster currency market kept many investors away from stocks, letting share prices close firmer in thin trade after a mostly mixed day. The Nikkei index rose 70.66 to 34,472.54

HONG KONG - Prices ended firmer in active trading but profit-taking by local and Taiwanese investors dragged the Hang-Seng index off the day's high of 2,679. It ended at 2,648.21, up 35.39. SINGAPORE - Share prices fell over a broad front in moderate trading after afternoon profit-taking. The Straits Times industrial index fell 7.30 to 1,404.51.

BOMBAY — State-owned investment trusts propelled shares to a firmer close in sluggish trading after remaining mixed most of the day. Century Enka jumped 65 rupees to 2,925 on institutional buying. Standard firmed 10 to 470.

FRANKFURT - Shares ended higher as dealers shrugged off worries that triggered last week's steep slide. The DAX index rose

PARIS - Prices were narrowly mixed in quiet trading, with Peugeot attracting most interest. The 50-share bourse indicator was up by 0.03 per cent.

LONDON — The market was quietly firmer as investors waited for a clear trend to emerge. "The market's come to a dead halt," said one dealer. At 1446 GMT the FTSE index was up 5.6 at 2,372.1. NEW YORK — Blue chips drifted lower amid continued worries over

the health of the high yield, or junk, bond market. The Dow was off

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Sports S. Korea establishes peace prize mmemorate Seoul Olympic ruits of piad" and the "Structure also dedice" to commemorate Seoul Olympics

announced Sunday the inaugura-tion of a \$300,000 "Seoul Peace Prize," commemorating the 1988 summer Olympics in Seoul and the Olympic spirit.

"We will inaugurate the Seoul Peace Prize to commemorate the glory of the Seoul Olympics and to enhance the conciliation, advancement and peace we hoped to achieve through the Seoul Olympics," Rob said in a speech at a ceremony marking the first anniversary of the games in Seoul.

More than 14,000 athlets and officials from 160 countries joined in those games between Sept. 17 and Oct. 2 last year. It was the first boycott-free Olympics in 12 years.

Roh said the new peace prize, would be awarded every two years, beginning next year, to an dividual or organisation distinguishing itself in enhancing world neace and bringing together the numan races.

Calling the Seoul Olympics "a genuine festival which realised a world dream of peace and conciliation," the president said he hoped that the spirit of the Seoul Olympics would continue to help his country march forward.

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"The Seoul Olympics have LAWSON CLINCHES 500 CC WORLD TITLE: American Eddie Lawson clinched the 500 cc world motorcycling cham-

pionship when he finished second

on his Honda in the Brazilian

Grand Prix on Sunday. The race

was won by compatriot Kevin

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Opening lead: Ten of 4

It is all very well to contract for

nine tricks at no trump. But that presupposes your ability to collect the required number of tricks. South didn't quite fulfill that condi-tion on this hand from a rubber

bridge game.
South's hand is a nightmare—a balanced powerhouse with an un-stopped major suit. His way of han-

dling the matter was as good as any. His method of playing the hand, however, left something to be

already yielded fruits of piad" and the "Structure for friendship, understanding, con- Seoul Olympic Winners." ciliation and peace in our country and many parts of the world, but that wave will further spread higher and wider through the 25th Olympics in Barcelona and in the next century," he said.

Officials said recipients of the "Seoul Peace Prize" will be selected by a non-governmental committee of Koreans in cooperation with an international jury. The prize committee will be composed of civilians recommended by the national assembly as well as the government, they

The prize will be awarded by the South Korean head of state on behalf of his people, they

The prize money will come from the "national sports fund" set up earlier this year with the \$140 million in profit raised from the Olympics.

Juan Antonio Samaranch, president of the International Olympic Committee, who was on hand Sunday, also landed the Seoul Olympics as "the history's most successful sports festival that brought the world together."

Samaranch, who arrived Saturday to attend various Olympic anniversary programmes, pre-sented an "IOC Cup" to Seoul Mayor Ko Kun in praise of the South Korean capital's successful

organisation of the Olympics. After the brief ceremony at Olympic park under a light rain, Roh, Samaranch, former chief Seoul Olympic organiser park Sch-jik and other dignitaries unvailed three monuments dedicated to the Seoul Olympics.

The monuments were named "Rendezvous in Seoul," "Wall of glory, Games of the 24th Olym-

quence, and the play did not take

to the king of hearts and finessd the

ten of spades, losing to the jack. He

duranty with the ace of hearts and tried another spade finesse. When that, too, lost, declarer could come

to no more than eight tricks.
It was most unlocky to find both

missing spade honors wrong—East was a 3-to-1 favorite to hold either

the king or the jack. And double-

dummy declarer can make the hand by stripping West of exit cards and then throwing him in with a dia-mond to force a lead up to the ace-

queen of spades. However, there is a sore-trick line available against any

Look at the spade spots. Declarer

Look at the spade spots. Declarer is missing only two key spades. He can set up a second trick in spades by force, regardless of the location of the defendent honor cards in the suit. After winning the first trick, declarer should simply bang out the ace and queen of spades, forcing out the king. When he next gains the lead, he continues with the ten of spades to set up the nine while there

spades to set up the nine while there

is still a heart entry on the table.

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GOREN BRIDGE

North-South vulnerable. South desired.

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The dignitaries also dedicated a \$2.5 million music fountain built inside the park to mark the first anniversary. The fountain, built by a West German firm, can shoot water 30 metres into the sky to various musical tunes.

A variety of cultural and entertainment programmes marking the first anniversary, including a fireworks display and a flower parade through downtown Seoul, were cancelled due to the rain.

Toronto Blue Jays

Baltimore Orioles

Boston Red Sox

Cleveland Indians

Oakland Athletics

Kansas City Royals

Chicago White Sox

California Angels

Minnesota Twins

Texas Rangers

Chicago Cubs

St. Louis Cardinals

New York Mets

Montreal Expos

Pittsburgh Pirates

Philadelphia Phillies

San Francisco Giants

Los Angeles Dodgers

Houston Astros

Cincinnati Reds

Atlanta Braves

area.

San Diego Padres

Seattle Mariners

Detroit Tigers

Milwaukee Brewers

New York Yankees

SPORTS IN BRIEF

No. 5, Andre Agassi of the Un-SEIKO SUPER TENNIS: ited States, No. 6, and Jakob Hlasek of Switzerland, No. 9, the organisers added. Ivan Lendl of Czechoslovakia, No. 1 in the world, is not competing in the Seiko tournament this year. The singles winner receives \$100,000 the runner-up \$50,000 and the third-place finisher \$26,500 orga-Prix series, will be played on the artificial court of the indoor nisers said.

BECKER TO COMPETE IN

Boris Becker, the 1989 Wimble-don and U.S. Open champion,

will lead a field of 32 men in the

\$627,500 Seiko super tennis

tournament Oct. 17-22, organis-

ers said Monday. The tourna-ment, part of the Nabisco Grand

Yoyogi national stadium, they

said. Besides West German

Becker, the defending champion

and ranked second in the world,

others in the field are Stefan

Edberg of Sweden, No. 3 in the

world Mats Wilander of Sweden,

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American, national baseball roundup

NEW YORK (R) — Standing of major league baseball teams after games played on Sunday (tabulate under won, lost, winning percentage, games back):

American League

Eastern Division

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82

Division

73

70

National League

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LENDL MIGHT SKIP NEXT FRENCH OPEN: Ivan Lendl. the world's top-ranked tennis player, is considering skipping next year's French Open tennis championships in order to pre-pare properly for Wimbledon, Lendl's coach Tony Roche said Monday. Roche said Lendl might bypass the second Grand Slam event of the year to give himself seven weeks of preparation on grass before Wimbledon, which he has never won. "Even if Ivan doesn't win Wimbledon in his career, he must be satisfied that he gave himself the right prepara-tion to win," said Roche, who Sunday defeated his former doubles partner John Newcombe in the final of an exhibition Masters tournament at Sanctuary Cove

step closer to the World Cup with a 1-0 victory on Sunday over nerup Arrese, fourth-seeded, El Salvador in a qualifying match earned \$15,500. The Argentine for the North, Central American And Caribbean Soccer Confederation (Concacat). In the 62nd minute, Hugo Perez, a naturalised American orginally from El Salvador, scored the only goal with a sharp header past Salvadoran goalkeeper Carlos Riviera. The goal, in front of 3,700 fans in the 40,000-capacity Tiburcio Carias Andino Honduran national stadium, followed a first half dominated by the United States. The American players appeared to be tiring as Eric Eichmann was brought off the bench to replace a flagging John Stollmeyer. El Salvador was unable to score and the loss ended their chance for a place in the 1990 World Cup

MARTIN JAITE WINS WEEKLONG TOURNA-MENT: Martin Jaite of Argentina won the \$175,000 18th Madrid Grand Prix tennis tournament by defeating Jordi Arrese of Spain in two sets, 6-3, 6-2, in the final Sunday before a crowd of 5,000 at grabbing a consolation for Den the Club de Campo. Jaite earned Haag before Kieft completed the CUP: The United States took a \$31,000 for his victory in the scoring four minutes from time.

finals, with just one point after

five games (R).

weeklong tournament, in which soccer finals in Italy next year he was second-seeded, while runplayer clearly dominated the match, which lasted one hour and 47 minutes. "My victory was easier than I expected." he said later." I pressed hard because Arrese never approaches the net." "I never prerssed and played excessively on the defensive, he said.

FIVE-GOAL PSV CLOSE IN ON LEAGUE LEADERS: PSV

Eindhoven, seeking their fifth consecutive Dutch soccer league title, proved they have put uncertain early season form behind them by demolishing Den Haag 5-1 on Sunday and moving up to third in the table. Newly-promoted Den Haag, with home advantage, dominated the opening exchanges but once PSV's Dutch international midfielder Gerald Vanenburg struck in the 41st minute, their win was never in doubt. Wim Kieft extended the lead before halftime and Vanenburg added a splendid third after 67 minutes. Barry van Aerle made it four, with Frans Danen

Nashwan beaten for 1st time

PARIS (R) - Dual English classic winner Nashwan was beaten for the first time in his career in a major horse racing upset at Long-

champ on Sunday. Nashwan, hailed in some quarters as one of the best horses for over 40 years, was using the group two Prix Niel as a warm-up for his final objective, next month's Prix de l' Arc de Triomphe.

But the Dick Hern-trained Colt, ridden by Willie Carson, could finish only third of the eight runners behind Golden Pheasant and French Glory, beaten one and a half lengths and a half

length.

Nashwan started a hot 5-1 on favourite after his successes in the English 2,000 guineas and derby

earlier this year.

But after having every chance going into the final furlong (200 metres) of the one and a half mile (2.4 km) event Nashwan failed to reproduce his usual sparkle and was beaten on merit.

Doubts were immediately raised about whether the Colt

Oviedo - their second loss in

Maradona foregiven as Napoli goes top

NAPOLI (R) — Diego Maradona, vilified a few weeks ago for his unauthorised vacation in Argentina, is once again Napoli's favourite son.

He managed the switch from villain to hero in just 45 minutes on Sunday, coming on as a substitute to belp Napoli overturn a two-goal deficit against Fiorentina and move to the top of the Italian first division.

Maradona, making his first appearance at the San Paolo stadium since an acrimonious row with his club, shrugged off missing a penalty within two minutes of entering the fray to set up two goals as Napoli stormed to a 3-2

With Maradona's summer sins apparently forgiven, Monday's sports pages were gushing in their praise of a player who was dubbed a scoundrel in August.

"Maradona is a Homeric personality, great in good as well as in bad... when the game gets touch; the touch begin to play," said Turin's La Stampa news-

Not to be outdone on the theme of ancient heroes, a picture captain in Il Giornale of Milan read: "Maradona: I came, saw, I conquered."

Maradona, revelling in the adulation, thanked the Napoli fans for keeping faith with him. "Their chanting had an incredible effect on me," he said. "I have to thank the people because they still believe in me. Now I

feel that I am part of While Maradona still com-

mands the headlines in Italy, Jean-Pierre Papin continues to steal the limelight at Marseille, the French club Maradona has been linked with for several

A piece of raw veal was the main ingredient served up for the. delight of 30,000 Marseille fans who revelled in two goals from Papin in the 2-0 win over St.

Papin, who had not been expected to play after an injury in Wednesday's European cup match against Brondby of Denmark, covered the severe bruising on his left foot with the raw meat. Put on his scoring boots and struck again to take his tally to 10 goals in his last seven games for club and country.

The victory kept Marseille, the league and cup double winners, in third place, three points behind leaders Bordeaux.

In nice there was an unseemly clash on the training ground be tween team-mates Toni Kurbos and Fabien Piveteau before the home match with Montpellier, won 3-0 by nice.

Striker Kurbos as kicked in the head by goalkeeper Piveteau after he complained the keeper had been too rough when the two went for the same ball. Kurbos ended up in hospital with stitches inside his mouth and slight con-

Piveteau, sent off on the opening day of the season in the match with Paris St. Germain, was immediately removed from the

team and faces a club disciplinary

hearing on Tuesday. West German first division lead-

ers Bayern Munich carried on where they left off against Glasgow Rangers in the European Cup with a 5-1 thumping of Bochum on Saturday. Bayern's Scotland internation-

al Alan McInally, scorer of two of the goals, celebrated his double by donning traditional Bavarian leather shorts and paying a visit to Munich's beer festival. PSV Eindhoven, seeking a re-

cord fifth consecutive Dutch title. also won 5-1 away to Den Haag to move within a point of joint leaders Roda JC and RKC with a game in hand. All of PSV's goals came after

the substitution of Brazilian striker Romario, who was replaced by Zambian Kalusha Bwalya with just 33 minutes played.
PSV coach Guus Hiddink said

the switch was tactical, Kalusha playing wide on the left to allow more space for strikers Wim Kieft and Flemming Povlsen. Gerald Vanenburg and Kieft each scored

Barcelona, like PSV one of Europe's most respected club sides, continued their poor start to the season with a 2-0 defeat at

three Spanish League games.
The newspaper El Pais said most Barcelona players believed coach Johan Cruyff was preparing to leave the club and was looking for an excuse to be sacked.

But Cruyff was quick to deny the accusation. "I do not have any interest in leaving... I know too well the manoeuvres going on in this club and I'll soon know what is going on," he told El Pais.

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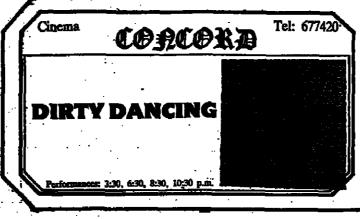
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Mother Teresa's Missionaries of Charity order in Calcutta yesterday began non-stop prayers and fasting for her recovery.

Mother Teresa's health raises future questions

CALCUTTA, India (AP) — The fragile health of Nobel laureate Mother Teresa has raised ques-tions about the future of her worldwide charity organisation and whether the religious order she has overshadowed can survive and continue to grow.

Her colleagues say they are not worried. "God will take care of tomorrow," one nun said.

With her heart weakened by a-Sept. 8 heart attack, Mother Teresa has been fighting recurring chest pains, fever and undisclosed infection.

The illness striking the 79-yearold Roman Catholic nun has focused attention on who will succeed her as leader of the Missionaries of Charity, the order she established 39 years ago to care for the destitute and the dying in the slums of India's

sidestepped the questions. "God will find another person. more humble, more devoted,

ly, two names frequently surface largest city.

Mother Teresa has publicly

are Indians in their mid-50s. more obedient to him, and the

society will go on," she said lege girl known as Subhashini recently when asked about her Das. She now stays at Mother Teresa's bedside at the Wood-Many of the nuns believe it's lands Nursing Home where the improper to talk now about suc- world-renowned nun was admitcession, saying the order will run ted Sept. 5 with high fever and as smoothly as ever. But private- irregular heartbeat.

Sister Priscilla is Mother Tereas possible candidates — Sister sa's secretary and supervises the Agnes and Sister Priscilla. Both charity's work.

"We live for the day and God Sister Agnes, who acts as the will take care of tormorrow. All is order's chief spokeswoman, in his hands," she said. "Let us hope joined Mother Teresa in 1949 and pray she returns from the when she was a 19-year-old col-hospital fully recovered."

Malaysia's ninth king sworn in

KUALA LUMPUR (R) - Sultan Azlan Muhibuddin Shah, hereditary ruler of Perak state. was installed as the ninth king of Malaysia in an elaborate ceremony at the national palace Monday.

The 61-year-old former top iurist was proclaimed yang di Pertuan agong (one who is chief among the most prominent) and constitutional monarch of Malaysia's 17 million people by Prime Minister Mahathir Mohammad

The silver-haired ruler, who resigned as lord president after a distinguished judicial career, was elected king March 2 by a secret ballot among the sultans of nine of Malaysia's 13 states.

He succeeds Sultan Iskandar Mahmoud of Johor, and his installation completes the rotation of the sultans who must elect a ruler among themselves every five years under the constitution enacted after independence from Britain in 1957. Malaysian kings are not

crowned but wear a "tengkolok", a black and gold silk head-dress mounted with an Islamic crescent and an 11-point diamond-studded platinum star. King Azian also wore a black tunic embroidered with gold

thread and encrusted with medals, and a ceremonial "kris" sword at the waist.

Seated on a gilded yellow throne beside Queen Bainun,

diamond necklace, he kissed and accepted the golden dagger of state from the grand chamberlain and read the royal oath. The ceremony, steeped in

Malay tradition, was watched by cabinet ministers, brother rulers, prince Mohammad Bolkiah, brother of the sultan of Brunei, and nearly 700 guests. Sultan Iskandar, the former

king, and the sultan of Pahang did not attend and sent representatives to the ceremony, which was televised live and marks the start of three days of celebrations. Monday has been declared a holiday in Kuala Lumpur and

King Azlan, who was sworn in

who wore a diamond tiara and a April 26, assumes duties as head of the national religion of Islam and commander-in-chief of the

> In 1983 the monarchy was embroiled in a dispute with Mahathir whose government had tried to limit its powers, but eventually a compromise was reached.

King Azlan met Queen Bainun when he was studying law at Nottingham University in England. They have two sons and three daughters.

tical reforms in Poland this year He ascends the throne after a distinguished record in public serand its crushing defeat by Solidarity in partly-free parliamentary vice including being appointed in 1965, at the age of 37, the elections in June. Officially called the Polish United Workers Party (PUWP), it youngest high court judge in the Commonwealth. was formed in 1948 to impose role.

U.S. still ponders Bloch charges

WASHINGTON (R) — State Department official Felix Bloch still leads a life under surveillance while the U.S. government decides whether to charge him with

A few bored reporters camp on his doorstep, hoping for news. Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) agents still lurk at the curb

The limelight may have deserted Bloch, the senior U.S. diplomat at the centre of a longrunning spy investigation, but the heat is still on him.

The central questions in his case — pehaps one of the world's oddest espionage inquiries have not changed in nearly two months since Bloch, 54, achieved celebrity as a man suspected of spying for the Soviet Union but

formally charged with nothing.
Will the United States file charges and prosecute? Has it made a terrible mistake in casting suspicion on this 30-year State Department professional? How did the inquiry become so bungled as to stir public gossip before a case was made? Asked a few days ago how long

the Bloch investigation might go on before a decision is made on prosecution, Attorney General Dick Thornburgh replied: "As long as it takes."

The premature disclosure of the investigation may well have inhibited our ability to bring it to a conclusion," Thornburgh said, adding only this ray of hope for

"The subject has a right to formal charges being brought or no charges... you don't want to follow someone around for the rest of their life."

In a case of publicity-without-charge unprecedented in U.S. intelligence annals, the Bloch affair blazed to life July 21 when ABC television news reported he was suspected of passing official secrets to Soviet agents and that an inquiry was under way.

The State Department confirmed he was under investigation for suspected "illegal activities" and had been put on leave at full salary — about \$80,000 a year a month earlier from his job as director of the department's. bureau of European and Cana-

Newspapers and TV newscasts blossomed with sourced reports claiming Bloch was suspected of having become a Soviet spy when he was deputy chief of the U.S. embassy in Vienna from 1983 to 1987. ABC and others alleged Western intelligence had filmed him handing a briefcase to a Soviet agent in Paris last May.

A big contingent of reporters and television crews joined federal agents on perpetual Blochwatch. They followed him everywhere — film of his bald head bobbing along in a sea of microphones became stock TV foot-- and camped outside his beige brick apartment house in a fashionable Washington neighbourhood, setting up lawn chairs and playing cards.

Daily life in Bogota — traffic jams, soldiers, pickpockets

By Rodolfo A. Windhausen The Associated Press

BOGOTA . — Drug war or not, life in hectic Bogota goes on as usual... almost. People abroad think we're around shooting each other,' lamented a salesman at a photo

Most of the violence that has wracked the country has been in Medellin, 240 kilometres northwest of Bogota, where bombs have caused casualties and gunmen have killed antidrug crusaders.

Despite bold headlines about the latest victims in the government's battle against the powerful drug cartels, life in this bustling South American capital hasn't changed much except for the caravans of police, government vehicles and security vans that wail through the streets.

At Santander Park, Alvaro dons a red cap, talks incessantly and shines shoes expertly. Ás always.

"Around here, you have to look ahead, because if you look behind you, it's frighten-

ing," he jokes. His sense of humour,

however, doesn't hide underlying worry.
"Yes, sir, this terrorism stuff

is hurting my business," said Alvaro, who is in his early 40s and refused to give his full name. "It's keepig tourists away. But then, even petty thievery is down.

"We're going through a dis-guised civil war." Alvaro typifies the attitudes, ranging from jokes to grim resignation, of Bogota residents during the current wave

of drug-linked violence terror-

ising the country. While poorer residents don't seem very concerned, in middle- and upper-class neighbourhoods, parents keep their children home from school and restaurants say business is down by up to 40 per cent. As has been the case for years, many of the rich drive around escorted by bodyguards and have armed guards in front of

Still, there are no signs of pamic or any mass exodus from the country. Entrance is only restricted at government buildings, where soldiers search visitors and packages, apologising for the inconvenience.

their houses.

"Sir," said one young soldier, "here in Colombia, we all want" this to end."

The government recently said, without giving figures, that tourism is "normal" played up the fact that Club Med is looking at Colombia's Caribbean coast as a possible resort site.

But the few visitors at traditional tourist attractions arrive in charter buses, enter hurriedly and exit just as hurriedly, heading for the safety of the

In the famous gold museum, where a wealth of pre-Columbian artifacts lure thousands of visitors every year, business is down. A ticket seller said tourist traffic has slumped some 30 per cent. Employees from other museums told similar stories.

Monumental traffic jams tie up the city as usual. A pedestrian risks life and limb to cross a busy avenue during rush

"Now, this is hell," one taxi driver said. The crowded city of six mil-

lion people is heaven for pickpockets and the ever-present 'gamines" — as the street children are called - who prey on unsuspecting pedestrians and, of course, tourists. In a seedy section of town,

prostitutes as young as 12 sell their bodies for as little as \$0.50.

Meanwhile, the good life appears to go on in the northern residential sector, site of yuppies, BMW cars and discos. Many outdoor cafes and restaurants brim with well-dressed young customers.

Santander park is filled with its usual characters: There is the old snake-handler doing tricks with his defanged pet, the "scar man" who rolls on a bed of glass, the native Indians hawking blankets and ponchos.

A fortune teller sitting on a chair brags he can tell the future and starts to spark the interest of onlookers when, suddenly, the circle around him breaks up. He is removed, hands pinned behind his back, to a remote corner of the park, where he's accused of stealing a policeman's wallet.

A few blocks away, in the Plaza Bolivar, elderly people and Indians feed the pigeons.

India, Sri Lanka sign withdrawal agreement

Tamil rebels limited autonomy if

they would lay down their weapons and end their fight for

an independent homeland in the

But the largest and most mili-

tant rebel group, the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam, rejected

the accord and turned their guns

The presence of Indian soldiers

and the government peace offer to the Tamils also triggered a bloody backlash by Sinhalese

militants. They argued Sinhalese-

dominated government had,

offered too many concessions to

the minority Tamils and had com-

promised the nation's sovereignty

by inviting Indian soldiers to Sri

In an effort to curb ethnic

violence that has claimed more

than 16,000 lives in the past six

years, Premadasa demanded that

the Indian troops leave the island

by July 29, the second anniversary of the signing of the

Polish Communists open

would centre on conservative

proposals for transforming the

existing party and on reformist

demands for its replacement by a

modern leftist party, possibly under the name Polish Socialist

The Central Committee will

Mieczysław Rakowski, the par-

ty leader, threw open the debate

last week by declaring his "sym-

pathy and understanding" for the

He said the party, which ruled Poland for more than 40 years

until it relinquished power to a

Solidarity-led government this

month, had to abandon its old

Rakowski called for the for

tion of "a mighty Polish left-wing party with a radically expanded

political base," indicating that the

communists hope to assume the

leading role in the new Polish

order a party plebiscite to give the rank-and-file a say in the final

decision, the sources said.

debate on party future

Labour Party.

radical reformers.

north and east provices.

on Indian soldiers.

Lankan soil.

peace accord.

greater bloodshed.

COLOMBO (AP) — India and Sri Lanka Monday ended a diplomatic deadlock by signing an agreement in which an estimated 42,000 Indian peacekeeping troops will leave this violence-wracked island by the end of the year.

Indian soldiers, stationed in Sri peace accord that offered the Lanka to enforce a 1987 peace accord, also will also begin observing a unilateral ceasefire in their battle with Tamil rebels, the agreement said. The agreement ends a three-

month diplomatic deadlock that at one point had threatened to escalate into an armed confrontation between the two neighbours. "India has assured that all effort will be made to complete by Dec. 31, 1989, the withdrawal..." said a communique issued after

the signing ceremony.

The agreement said Indian soldiers will suspend "offensive" military operations against the Tamil rebels, beginning at 6 a.m. (0030 GMT) Wednesday. It said Tamil rebels had earlier "expressed a willingness to a cessation of hostilities on a reciprocal basis."

The agreement also said the Sri Lankan army commander and the commanding officer of the Indian troops will monitor possible ceasefire violations and report them to Sri Lankan President Ranasinghe Premadasa.

India deployed an estimated 47,000 peacekeeping troops to Sri Lanka in July 1987 to supervise a

WARSAW (R) — Poland's Com-munist Party leaders opened a

crucial meeting on the party's

future Monday amid demands for

its dissolution and replacement

The meeting of the 230-mem-

ber Central Committee will lay

the groundwork for a party con-

gress later this year or early in

1990 that will formally decide and

The two-million-strong party

has faced an upheaval since the

introduction of democratic poli-

The Central Committee will

discuss how to turn it into an

organisation capable of winning

BOGOTA (R) — A rocket was fired at the heavily-guarded U.S. embassy in the Colombian capital

Bogota Sunday night, the first attack on a U.S. target since the

new war on drugs began a month ago with Washington's support.

An embassy spokesman said the rocket, propelled by a home-

made launcher, hit a corner of the

embassy building in central Bogo-

ta at 8.55 p.m. (0155 GMT Mon-day) but failed to explode, caus-

ing only "minimal surface

He said there were no injuries

There was no immediate claim

of responsibility for the rocket

attack or six bomb explosions

Sunday in Bogota and Cali, but

suspicion fell on "the Extradit-

ables," a group named for drug

lords whose extradition has been

requested by the United States.

clined further comment, but a

marine guard at the embassy said

he believed the rocket had been

The embassy spokesman de-

and police were investigating the

damage.

incident.

Party sources said the debate

Violence in Colombia continues as government battles drug loads

Rocket fire hits U.S.

attack.

fired by attackers riding a motorcycle that sped off after the

One police spokesman said a

rocket launcher had been found

in a park not far from the embas-

sy. În Washington, a Defence

Department spokeswoman said

part of the rocket had been reco-

million emergency aid package Aug. 25 to help Colombia fight its

powerful drug lords and has re-

quested the extradition of 12 drug

barons to stand trial in the United

fighters and helicopters, has already arrived in Colombia, but

the U.S. government has prom-

ised more is in the pipeline.

President Virgilio Barco launched a nationwide crackdown on

drug traffickers Aug. 18 following

the murders of a prominent pres-

idnetial candidate, a state police

commander and an appeals court

Much of the aid, including jet

Washington announced a \$65

democratic elections.

implement radical changes.

by a new leftist party.

agreed to make a token withdrawal July 29 and limited pullouts subsequently.

The two countries worked out

Under Monday's agreement, a peace committee consisting of local administrative issues.

comprising of the Sri Lankan minister of state for defence, the chief minister of the northeastern council, Sri Lankan defence secretary and the general officer commanding of the Indian northeastern province.

lannched a major search-and-destroy operation in the northeast in which 40 Tamil rebels were killed

At least five Indian soldiers were killed and 16 wounded in the operation that began last Tuesday, said a statement by the high commission.

Indian Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi refused, saying a hasty withdrawal could lead to even A military showdown, howev-

majority.

hope their ideas can win.

with a political victory for the

idea of a new party," a reformist party source said. The Central

Committee wants to gauge the

opinion of party members in a plebiscite. The resulting changes

are expected to take shape at the

congress, the most powerful party

Many Poles still associate the

leaders imposed from December

1981 to July 1983 to suppress

Solidarity, and repressions after Soviet dictator Josef Stalin instal-

led the party in power.

er, was averted when India

a timetable for the withdrawal of the remaining 42,000 soldiers ear-lier this month at the meeting of Non-Aligned Nations in Yugos-

members of political and ethnic groups in the northeastern province will be formed to settle A security coordination group

peacekeeping troops will be set up to ensure law and order in the The Indian high commission, or embassy, said soldiers have

and 28 wounded.

It said nine rebel camps, in cluding two major bases in the jungles of Kottukulan village in Trincomalee district, were des-

Stress hurts crocodiles

JOHANNESBURG (R) -Stress caused by noise has killed 92 crocodiles at a South African farm and the owner says 16 others are ill because of nearby road construction. Blasting for a new highway near Tongaat in Natal province has upset the reptiles so badly that the farm has had to close, according to owner Peter Watson. His 552 surviving crocodiles have been sent to a wildlife rehabilitation centre in Durban to recover. "I am now out of business. All my crocodiles have been sent away from the blasts," son told reporters at the weekend.

Prostitutes' clients sent to camps

HONG KONG (R) — Anyone caught visiting a prostitute in China, including foreigners, will be sent to a labour camp, a Communist Party official has warned, Li Ruihuan, a new member of the Politburo standing committee, said the penalty would also extend to prostitutes" clients from Hong Kong and Macau, the Wen Wei Po newspaper reported Monday. The pro-Peking newspaper published in Hong Kong quoted him as saying foreigners had to obey Chinese laws and there would be no privileges for anyone who insulted women. The newspaper, which reflects Peking's thinking, said Li made the remark at a recent conference in the southern city Canton. China has said prostitution, seen by the Communist Party as a symbol of Western decadence, was eradicated in the Radical reformers say the years immediately after Mao Tsemovement for a new party has tung seized power in 1949. It has swelled rapidly in the ranks since started to flourish recently, espe-June but does not yet have a cially in the more prosperous south, where fashionably dressed They expect tough discussions women tout for business in hotel with hardliners and conservatives lobbies and single male guests in the Central Committee but receive unexpected calls in the middle of the night offering ser-"I think the plenum will end-

Sex-change citizens expunge past

WELLINGTON (R) - New Zealand plans to let people who have changed sex expunge embarrassing details of their past, the government said Monday. Justice Minister Bill Jeffries has th martial law, which its prepared legislation allow people with written proof of sexchange surgery to be given new birth certificates, his spokesman said Monday. "The certificate will show the person's newly-acquired sex as the sex registered at birth and any new names will appear as if they were the names originally registered." The Bill, to be presented to parliament shortly, is designed to prevent embarrassment and distress when people with a new sex show their birth certificates to employers or when applying for passports.

Licenses taken from hookers' clients

WEST PALM BEACH, Florida (AP) — Police have begun suspending the drivers' licenses of people_caught soliciting prostitutes. Police say the license suspension is worse than the standard \$500 fine for the crime, which most offenders pay after pleading guilty rather than risk the public embarrassment of a trial. "The fine isn't bad, but when they risk losing their driver license, it takes on a whole new light," said police Seargent Robb Robertson. Police arrested 23 men for soliciting prostitutes last week and issued the license revocation charge. "They were not happy," Lieutenent David es said. "I think it will have a good deterrent effect."

Americans because of the drug Three bombs exploded in Bogota Sunday causing heavy damage. Two of the blasts in a commercial area damaged about 30 shops and knocked out windows in nearby homes. One person was injured.

Bogota to be evacuated earlier

this month, citing a threat to all

Seven bombs have exploded outside banks in Bogota since Friday.

Three bombs exploded on a main avenue in the southwestern city of Cali earlier Sunday, killing a night watchman and causing heavy damage.

Cali is home to a major drug trafficking organisation that rivals Colombia's Medellin-based cocaine cartel. Officials say the two drug rings supply 80 per cent of the cocame consumed in the United States.

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Global weather

(major world cities)

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AMSTERDAM	13	55	17	63	Clear
ATHENS	18	64	30		Clear
Bahrain	29	84	37		Clear
BANGKOK	27	81	33		Clear
BLIENOS AIRES	09	46	20		Clear
CAIRO	21	70	32	90	Clear
CHICAGO	11	52	25	77	Clear
COPENHAGEN	13	5 5	22	72	Cloud
FRANKPUET	12	54	25	79	Cloud
CENEVA	12	54	26	77	Coud
HÓNG KONG	25	77	31	88	Class
ISTANBUL	13	55	22	77	Clear
LONDON	16	61	22	72	Cloud
LOS ANGELES	12	55	25		Clear
MADRID	16	61	30		Cloud
MECCA	28	82			Clear
MONTREAL	12	54	15		Rain
MOSCOW	09	48	18		Clear
NEW DBTHI ""	24	76	34	93	Clear
NEW YORK	17	63	24	75	Court
PARIS	15	SØ	27		Cloud
ROME	14	57	28		Clear
SYDNEY	X	X	_x		X
TOKYO	24	25	32		Clear
VIENNA.	14	57	25		Class